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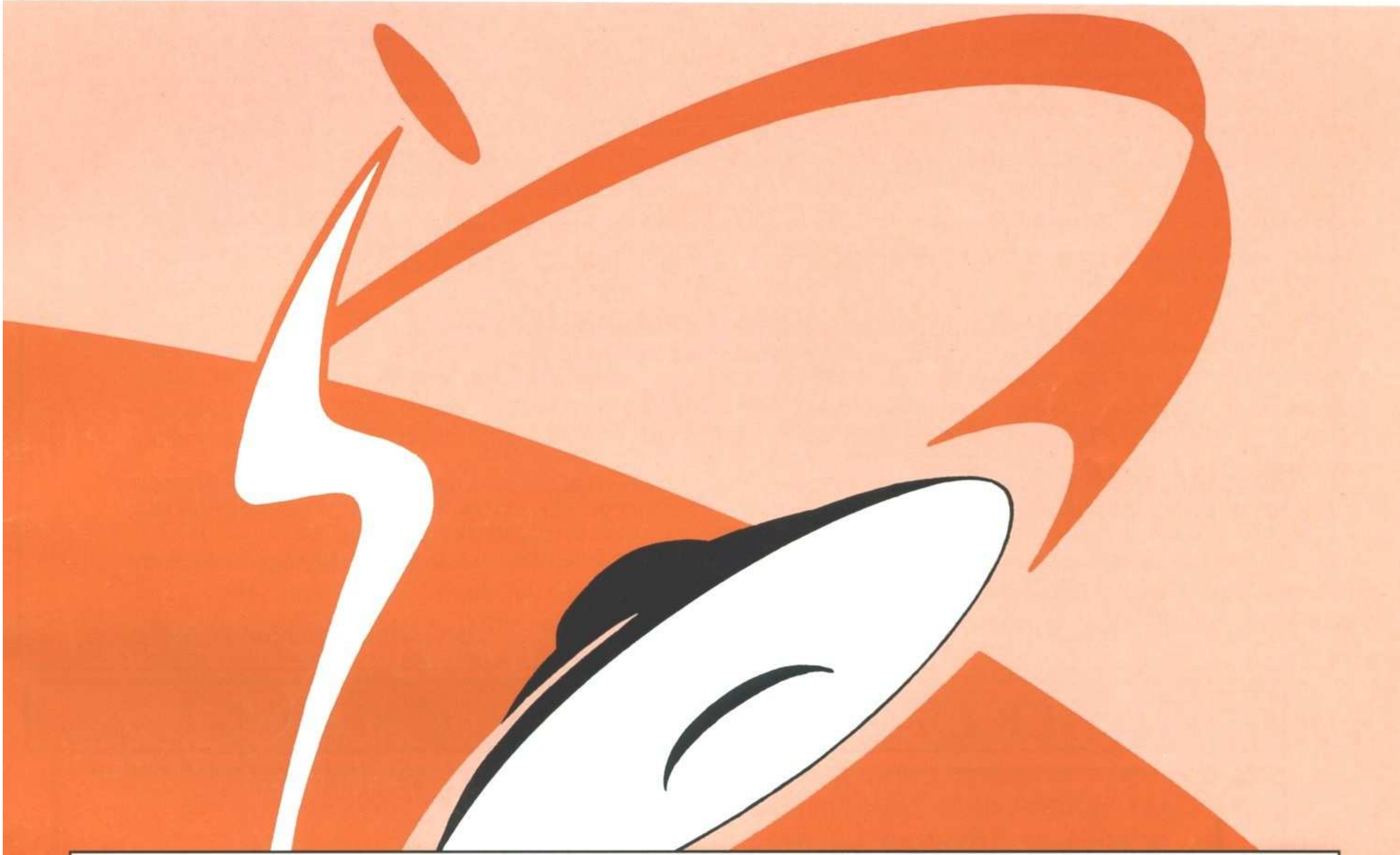

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P. D. OUSPENSKY. A NEW MODEL OF THE UNIVERSE (1931)

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QUEER AND DANGEROUS ANTICS

Both in the USA and here in Britain there are small groups of people- seemingly demented — who are obsessed with the need to parade around in front of the White House or in Downing Street carrying placards and banners calling upon the Government of the land to "come clean" about the UFOs.

Evidently these folk are unable to perceive that in all probability it is the "Aliens" *themselves* — certain of whom run this world — who have not the slightest desire whatsoever to "meet" or to "socialize with" mankind, and whose overriding objective is in fact to blanket out and suppress any interest on the part of the humans in what they, the "Aliens", are up to.

Should this be the case, then one may visualize that those humans who are in positions of authority will long ago have received the severest of warnings from their Masters. Remember that, at Roswell and other UFO crash-sites, members of the American Armed Forces behaved with stunning brutality, warning American civilians that, if they talked to anyone about what they had seen, they would 'cop it', as we say in Britain, and would be taken out into the desert and quietly terminated with a bullet, *and that this fate would not only be meted out to them but to their families also. (There are individuals still alive who have testified to this.)*

Well now, I am not prepared to believe that any humane and democratic Government (there *are* a few that are truly 'not too bad' in this respect) would instruct its armed services to utter such terrifying threats. (On the other hand, from a Commie government, such as that of the former USSR or the current China, one would of course *expect* such behaviour as quite normal.) Nor do I believe that — unless under grave coercion — members of the armed forces of a humane and democratic country would willingly participate in the execution of such a policy.

We are consequently left with the conclusion that in all likelihood our Armed Forces are indeed under such a permanent duress and that anybody who parades around trying to persuade a Government to "come clean about UFOs" is putting human lives at risk. As I say, it may well be that such individuals are demented. But it is a dangerous game all the same.

And, incidentally, it would not be at all surprising if a Government, finding itself being badgered, should in such circumstances decide to authorize or to subsidise the making of a patently phoney "Roswell film" - however trashy — in the hope of snuffing out a dangerous level of public curiosity. G.C ■

UFOS SEEN BY CREW OF AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT-CARRIER (1952 - 1958)

© By Chester C. Grusinski (Michigan, USA)

August 25 1994

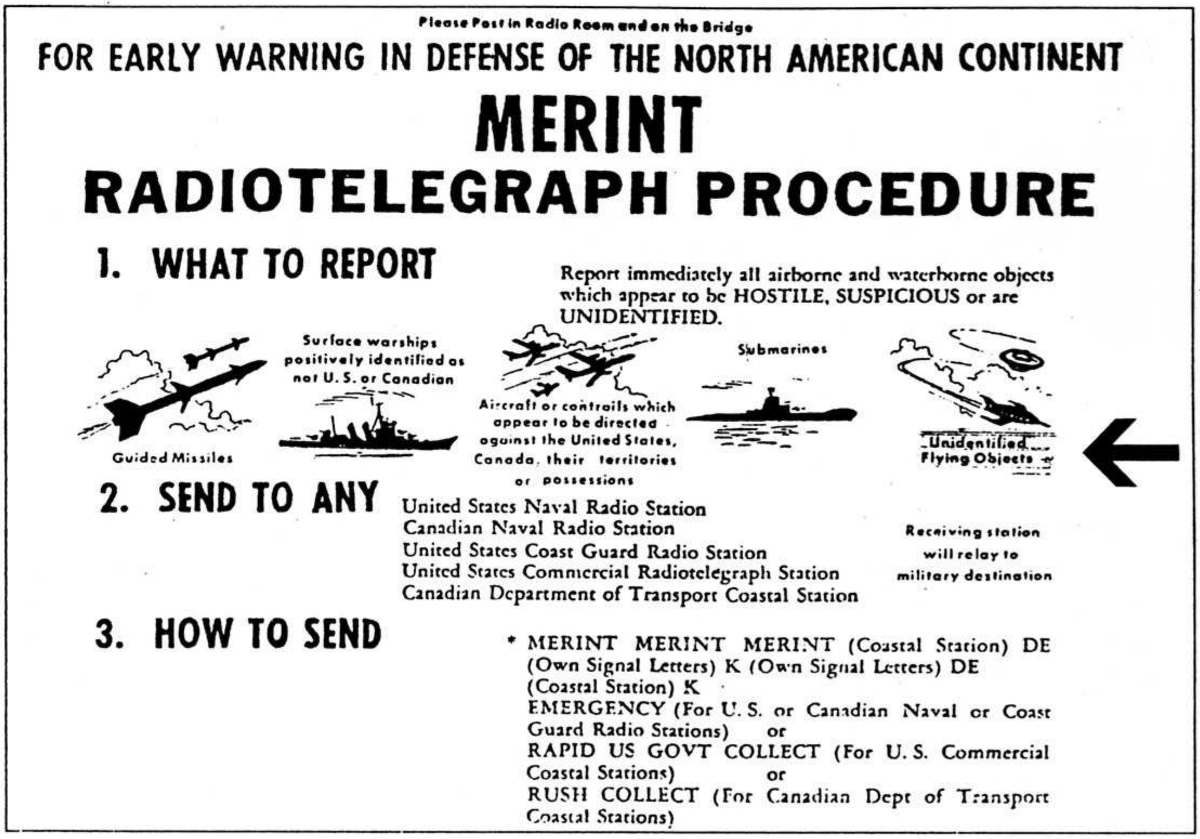
Dear Mr. Creighton — Would you be interested in details of several UFO sightings by crew members of the U.S. Navy's 45,000 ton aircraft-carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA - 42* (see coloured photo enclosed)?

I was myself a member of her crew from 1958 to 1960, and I was one of the many eyewitnesses in one of the UFO sightings, in September or October of 1958. The ship was on a shake-down cruise off the U.S. Naval Base of Guantanamo in Cuba, at between 8.00 and 10.00pm, when a small light appeared and started following us and then headed straight for us. The sky was clear, the air warm, and, as I was not on duty I had gone up on to the flight-deck (where I should not rightly have been).

Suddenly the thing was overhead; it was cigar-shaped, with a row of windows, through which we could see the figures of people watching us. I could feel the heat from the craft on my face. It was quite silent. Altogether I estimate that up to 25 other men who were there on the flight deck also saw it.

Through the ship's intercom someone from the bridge watch was screaming for the officer of the deck or bridge to get up there at the double. Then suddenly the object turned to a red-orange colour. (This was when, against the dark night sky, I was able to see its 'cigar' shape.) And it vanished rapidly. Meanwhile the ship's own movement had stopped suddenly. I estimate that the sighting may have lasted five minutes or more.

Special investigators from the CIA subsequently came aboard the carrier. (On the pretext that they were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Grusinski says these standard reporting instructions were posted at strategic sites aboard the aircraft carrier.

(Note UFO illustration, far right.)

allegedly investigating "gambling below-deck"!) But they questioned many sailors about this sighting. My own Petty Officer First Class questioned me about what I had seen and I replied that I did not know what it was. After that, I heard nothing more about the matter.

Years later, after I had left the Navy, I joined the FDR Reunion Group so as to be in touch with some of the others who had been with me on the flight-deck that night and who might help me to document the event.

The widow of one of my friends (he had since died) told me he had discussed it with her and had spoken of "a big red ball leaving the ship". And gradually I learned of quite a lot of other UFO sightings from aboard our ship.

One other such sighting — now quite famous — had been on September 20, 1952, when the *F.D. Roosevelt* was taking part in *"Operation Mainbrace"* with the NATO fleets, in the English Channel and North Sea. Three photographs of the UFO, a fast-flying disc, were taken at the time, by a journalist named Wallace Litwin who was aboard our carrier. The disc was following the NATO ships. Those who saw the disc were numerous. And there were also many other UFO sightings in Western Europe on that same day during the NATO exercise. One of these sightings was of a flying disc, seemingly metallic, at 7.30 pm over the most important military airfield in Denmark.

In the course of my enquiries, I discovered evidence of at least three and probably more, other UFO sightings from my carrier.

One, in 1953, had been observed by the bridge watch and picked up on the Commander-in-Chief's radar.

In 1956 there came another sighting, when the ship was anchored in the harbour at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and UFOs were seen by many of the crew, including officers. I learned that one of the witnesses drew sketches of the UFOs. The sketches were sent to the U.S. Department of Defence, and the witness was warned that he "should tell nobody about it for twenty years."

In that same year, 1956, came yet another sighting - by a Chief Warrant Officer, and it was also registered on the radar of the Commander-in-Chief. The radar operators said the UFO vanished off their 'scope' after only two or three sweeps. And I also know that there were more cases yet.

But we can be sure that the Regulation JANAP 146 (E) will have prevented details of any of these cases getting onto the warship's log-books. However I possess letters of testimony from a number of crew members. I also enclose herewith, along with a photo of the carrier *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt,* prints of two of the photos of the flying disc taken on September 20, 1952 by Wallace Litwin during *"Operation Mainbrace",* and a sketch of the scene on our flightdeck on the night in 1958 when, off the coast of Cuba, I saw the big 'cigar.' This sketch was made by my companion and fellow-witness William Scott. Along with the photo of our carrier, I also enclose a copy of the official U.S. Navy's MERINT radio-telegraph procedure chart for reporting UFOs, and a copy of the letter of promulgation issued on March 31, 1966, by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in connection with JANAP 146 (E) instructions for the reporting of vital Intelligence sightings (incidentally still in force today.)

Finally I should mention that the *F.D. Roosevelt* was decomissioned in October 1977 and sold for scrapping in March 1978.

Yours sincerely **Chet Grusinski**
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(*USS FDR CVA 42,* 1958-1960)

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

"Operation Mainbrace", designed as a NATO show of strength against Soviet Russia, comprised no less than 85,000 men and 160 ships including eight big aircraft-carriers from USA, Britain and Canada. Two of the American carriers, The *Midway* and the *F.D. Roosevelt,* were 45,000 tonners.

The same day, September 20, 1952, at Pitreavie, Scotland (according to an INS Press report) the RAF staff officers engaged on *"Operation Mainbrace"* held an enquiry into this UFO sighting, and at the same time they investigated another report that ten men in an RAF bombing plane had been followed, on the same day, by a circular silver object while they were flying over Yorkshire.

In Britain it is claimed today that all the official RAF Intelligence reports on *"Operation Mainbrace"* are now "missing" *(just as the U.S. documentation on the Roswell crash of 1947 is also all "missing"!)* The British Public Records Office is said to hold only a very little material on *"Mainbrace"*, and even that is classified for 50 years.

In the USA, Mr. Chester Grusinski tells us that he availed himself of the provisions of the much-vaunted *"Freedom of Information Act"* and asked the National Security Agency (NSA) for details about his sighting, and was informed by them on November 3, 1992, that there is no record at NSA of the "incident concerning the *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA - 42"*.

Larry Bryant of CAUS *(Citizens Against UFO Secrecy)* also wrote, on July 27, 1980, to the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Dept, Washington, D.C., and he too received no satisfaction.

So far as I am aware, the only books in which reference is made to the *"Operation Mainbrace"* sighting of 1952 are:-

1. Aimé Michel: *The Truth About Flying Saucers.* (Translation, American edition, Criterion, New York, 1956).
2. Dr. Jacques Vallée: *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* (1965).
3. Timothy Good: *UFO Report, 1992* (published by Sidgwick and Jackson, London).

As regards Mr. Grusinski's 1958 sighting, so far as I am aware, there is nothing else published yet except for a slightly shorter account, also furnished by Mr. Grusinski himself, on pages 21/23 of Issue No. 9 (1995) of the excellent *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Editors W.E. Jones and I. Scott, Box 162, 5837 Karrie Square, Dublin, Ohio 43017, USA.

What a relief it is to read a straightforward account like this from such a worldly-wise person as an American sailor, for there is no denying the fact that we have seen a number of very peculiar "UFO books" lately! For example we have just seen one man in Scotland producing a book "proving that the UFO mystery has been solved by him". *UFos simply don't exist!* And here in England we have recently seen a book proving that UFOs are all due to *allergy!*

Are these writers simply demented? (We know that madness is vastly on the increase, all over the world.)

Or is it not perhaps more likely that such authors are being hired, being paid, to write such balderdash by those whose prime intention it is to spread total confusion and instability among us?

TAIL-PIECE

In March 1992 I received a press-clipping from a noto rious British tabloid newspaper dated February 23 of that year. There was a photograph, allegedly taken on April 16, 1989 by a U.S. seaman aboard the giant carrier *USS Nimitz* in the Eastern Pacific, and showing a large alien disc landing on the deck of the ship.

I dismissed the story at the time as the usual nonsense, and put it in my "loony bag". But a good deal has happened since 1989, and I find myself beginning to wonder.....

Here is that original press story, of 1989. Let us study it very carefully. Was it indeed all true?

SPACE-SHIP AHOY

Amazing pictures of an alien UFO touching down on an American aircraft-carrier have landed President George Bush in a heap of trouble.

The sensational shots of a silver space-ship on the *USS Nimitz* were taken in 1989, but hushed up by the Bush administration for fear of creating world-wide panic.

Terrified sailors on the *Nimitz*, which had been on routine exercise in the Eastern Pacific, watched helplessly as the alien craft paralysed the ship's defence systems and came down on the flight deck.

Then a door in the spaceship slid open and four non-humanoid figures encased in glass-like capsules floated out.

Speaking in mechanical English, they sent this message to the stunned captain:

"The human race faces extinction unless sweeping new 'Green' policies are adopted throughout the world".

MOLE

But this warning from super-beings who could see how the Earth was destroying itself never got through - until now.

It is believed that a mole in the Defence Department, dissatisfied with President Bush's arms cuts after the collapse of the USSR, leaked details of the aliens' visit to the President's Democrat rivals.

And now they have released this picture as proof to the world, so that they can embarrass Bush as the Presidential election race hots up.

A secret military document handed to the — (name of a British newspaper) describes the historic first contact with a civilization from outer space.

It reported: "At 16.30 hours, Western Seaboard Time, on April 16, 1989, the *Nimitz* lost radio contact with the outside world and could neither receive nor transmit messages.

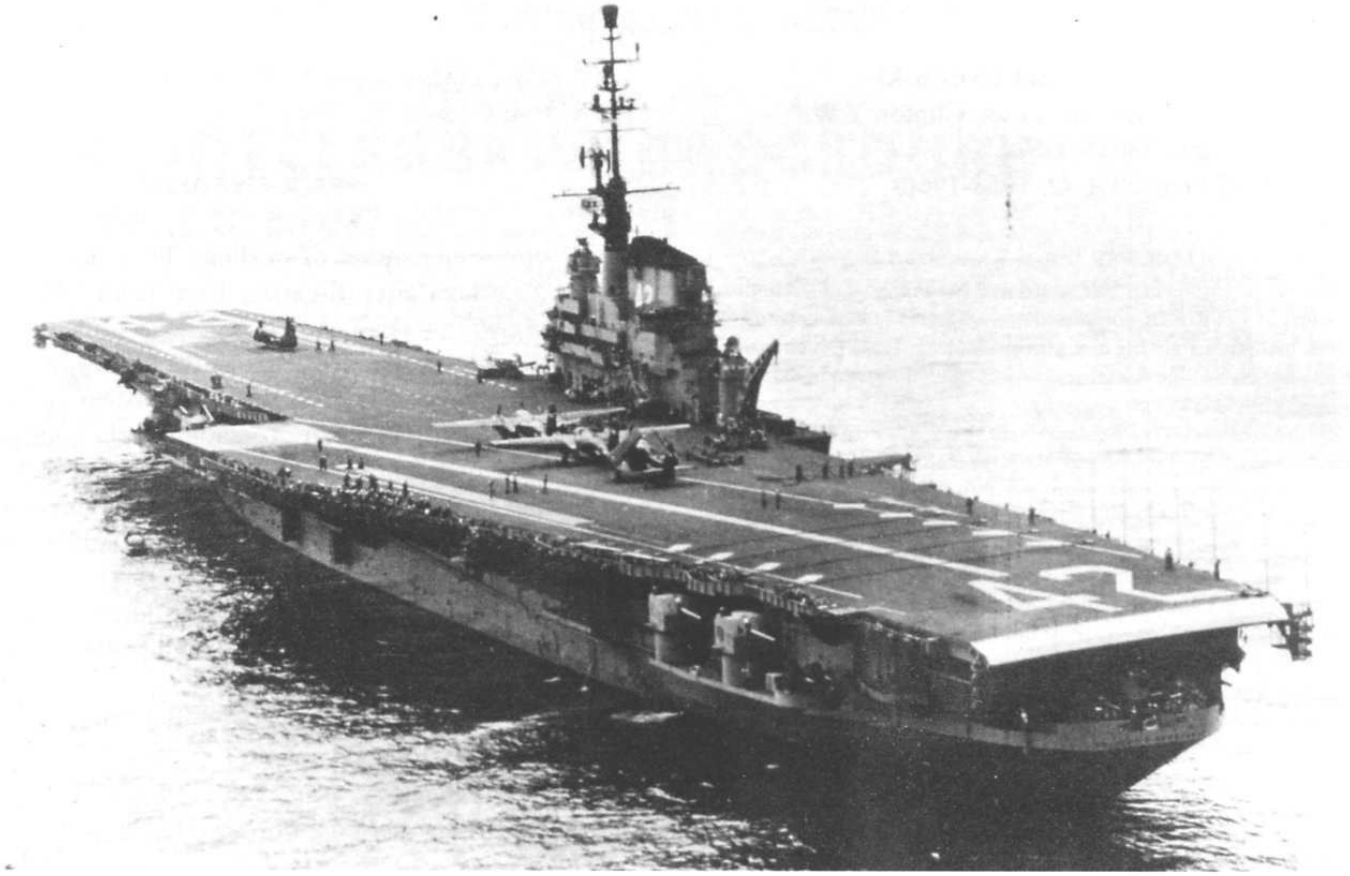
"Shortly afterwards the ship's navigators and communication computers simultaneously started tracking an object in the upper atmosphere.

"At the same time, almost every other mechanical device on the ship, including defence systems and even aircraft, failed to operate.

"The Captain and crew were powerless to do anything. They were forced to sit back and watch as the craft docked on their ship". The *Nimitz's* contact with U.S. Sea Command was restored within minutes of the UFO landing.

Seconds after the four strange beings emerged from the spaceship, they demanded talks with the captain.

The secret document went on:



USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42

"The aliens claimed that they had been monitoring our culture, and warned us that we are coming to the end of the line as far as the environment is concerned."

DANGERS

"They pinpointed three main dangers:

- Damage to the ozone layer by CFC sprays and leaking fridges will soon be irreparable.
- Destruction of the Brazilian rain-forest will destroy the Earth's ecological balance.
- Sweeping changes must be made in Westerners' diet — away from red meat farming and towards greater consumption of cereals, nuts, and fish".

It is thought that the space-ship was smuggled to NASA's Space Centre at Cape Canaveral in Florida a few days after the sensational landing.

Scientists there were ordered to keep their mouths shut, and even today no one has revealed what happened to the four aliens.

A White House official told our newspaper: "President Bush has nothing to say at this time. This information is classified".

Political enemies of President George Bush were reported at the time to have already suggested that "at least one-tenth of America's sea-forces could be under the direct command of alien 'friendlies'."

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I wonder whether there could possibly be any truth in all this? Much that has happened or has been reported since 1989 makes one far more inclined to look seriously at weird stories of this kind. G.C ■

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CROP CIRCLES AND STIGMATA: SYMBOLS OF DIVINE ORIGIN?

Crosses and religious symbols appear imprinted in crops and on the human body. Is it evidence of supernatural intervention or a product of the human psyche?

© By George Wingfield, MA(Hons), Editor of the Cerealogist and a Director of Flying Saucer Review.

In my recent article, *Pope John Paul II and the Third Secret of Fátima*,(FSR 40/2), I mentioned the Italian stigmatist Giorgio Bongiovanni and I said that George Wingfield was preparing a report on him for us.

This extraordinarily interesting report has now appeared in issue No.14 (Summer 1995), of *The Cerealogist,* which Mr. Wingfield himself edits. I am most grateful to him for letting us have it for FSR also, and here it is. I believe that the matters with which we are here concerned are of enormous importance for every one of us.

EDITOR OF FSR

The highly controversial idea that some crop circles — genuine circles, that is — may be of divine origin is one that I have touched on before in previous issues of *The Cerealogist*. It is not a popular theme either with scientists, who generally deride such interpretations, or orthodox religionists who view such manifestations as very possibly satanic. Nevertheless crop formations which were quite clearly in the shape of Christian crosses frequently appeared in the wheatfields of England during the years 1988 to 1991 and were very striking to those who recognised their symbolism.

None of these formations was ever claimed as man-made or shown to be of mundane origin. One particularly well known formation was the 1988 Celtic Cross at Charity Down which appeared on the front cover of *Circular Evidence*. Although the rather uneven double-ringer nearby was said to be the work of Doug & Dave (and may well have been), the pair backed off any claim to the Celtic Cross when confronted by Colin Andrews who had examined it in minute detail when it was fresh.

This formation was very special to Colin who had anticipated the appearance of a Celtic Cross circle near his home, which was then in Andover. He had even sent me to look at a similarly shaped Celtic Cross gravestone in the nearby churchyard of Goodworth Clatford. Days later, on September 10th, this crop formation appeared just two-and-a-half miles away.

Since Colin's Celtic Cross there have been others fascinated by the circles who have told me of their quite overwhelming feelings that particular circles were something of divine origin. Whether or not this belief is justified, or merely the product of auto-suggestion, there is no denying the extremely powerful influence which the circles have exercised on many people.

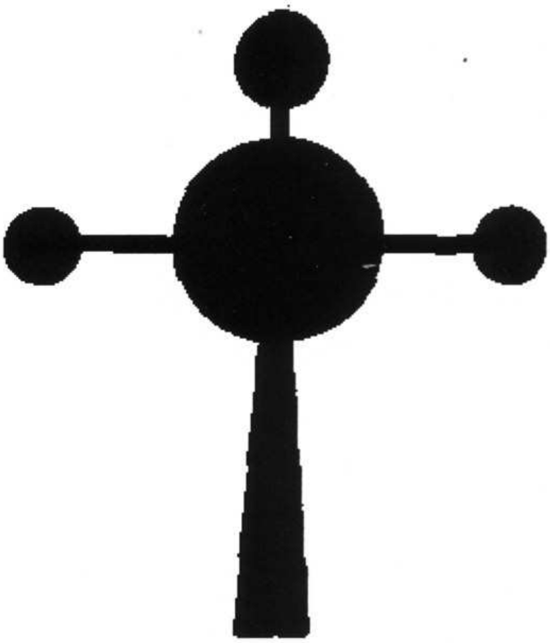
Earlier that summer an extraordinary series of quincunxes had appeared imprinted in the wheatfields near Silbury Hill. The first of these, found on July 15 1988, was shortly preceded by the sighting of a huge luminous oval object in the night sky near Avebury and from this a long thin beam of light had been seen to project obliquely downwards towards the ground near Silbury Hill. The witness to this event, Mary Freeman, said she felt "awed" and "honoured" by this strange experience which was for her like seeing the light on the road to Damascus.

Within two weeks a series of four huge quincunxes — each with circles positioned like the five on a dice — had appeared near Silbury. The two formations in the field opposite were later joined by a lone circle, exactly placed in such a position that it formed the end point of a long shaft cross, or Christian cross, into which each quincunx was now transformed. Although this was not easily visible except from the air above, the implicit sacred symbolism did not go unnoticed.

In June of 1989 three more of these long shaft crosses, each made as a quincunx plus an extra circle in line, appeared in Wiltshire and to those who saw them they were very striking indeed. Whatever agency made these crosses there could be little doubt that the religious motif was intended. The first was found below Scratchbury Hill near Warminster on June 2. Another found at Cherhill on June 20 is shown in the accompanying photograph. It was also in June 1989 that the bizarre happenings which occurred during Operation White Crow took place at Cheesefoot Head. These are described in *Crop Circle Enigma*.

Could some secret midnight team of clerics have produced this rash of crop circle crosses ? It certainly did not seem that way and at the time there was no suggestion that they were man-made; nor has anyone ever claimed, or been found to have made, these. Further Celtic crosses, or quincunxes with rings bisecting the outer circles were seen in 1990 and a number of other crosses of varying style, such as the one at Astley Green near Manchester, were also discovered that year.

This was all when the crop circle phenomenon was at its height in England. The mystery was undiminished and it



was as if these potent symbols of human spirituality had somehow bubbled up in the collective unconscious. Of course, mysterious crosses and suchlike religious symbols have manifested in Christian societies in a variety of ways, especially during times of tension and of danger. One variation on this theme is the stigmata and it was exactly at this time in 1989/90 that a young Italian first received these mystical markings as we shall see later.

THE STIGMATA

The stigmata are usually defined as the wounds that Christ received during the crucifixion. They are also defined as similarly placed marks or wounds which appear to be miraculously impressed on the bodies of certain people. Their appearance is spontaneous and the effect may disappear after a short time or else become more pronounced and last for years with bleeding from these wounds at regular intervals.

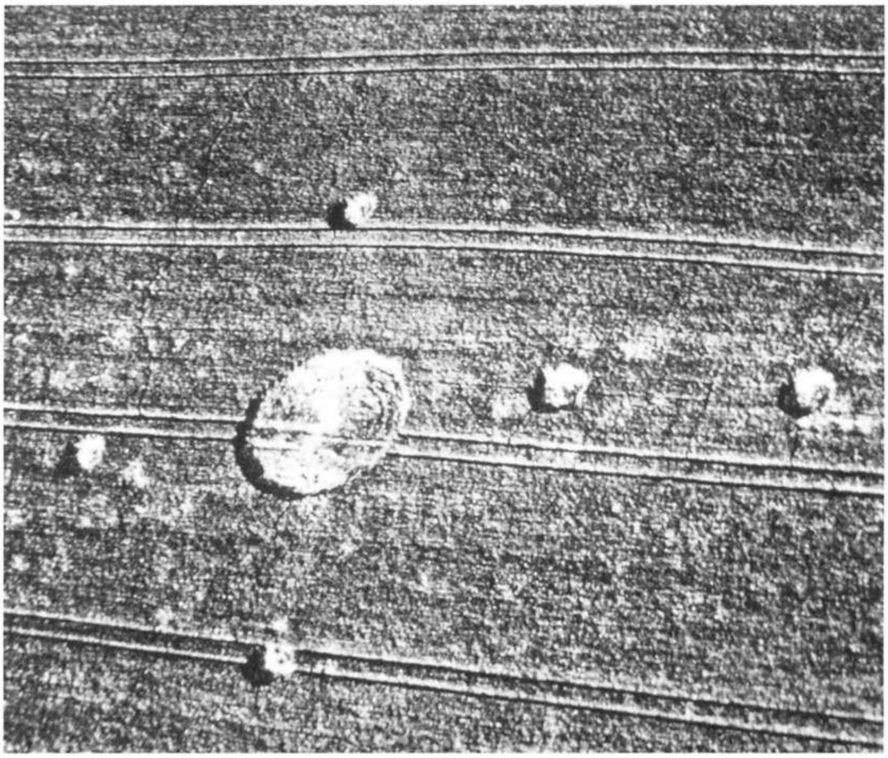
The first known stigmatic was St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). After a rowdy and even dissipated youth, Francis's transformation to a more austere way of life came about only after much illness and witnessing the horrors of a civil war. He was never ordained as a priest but was the founder of two friaries.

His stigmata appeared only two years before his death at a time when he was praying outside a cave in the mountains. A vision of Christ on the cross appeared to him and at the same time wounds opened up on his hands, on his feet and in his side. These exactly replicated the wounds of Christ on the cross and they remained with him for the rest of his life.

These wounds never healed and yet never became septic or inflamed. An exceptional but not unique feature of Francis's stigmata was that hard protuberances resembling the heads of nails formed in the centre of his wounds.

An eyewitness account by Thomas of Celano gives a graphic description of the saint's stigmata :-
"His hands and feet seemed pierced in the middle by nails, the heads of the nails appearing in the inner part of the hands and in the upper part of the feet and their points over against them. Now these marks were round on the inner side of the hands and elongated on the outer side, and certain small pieces of flesh were seen like the ends of nails bent and driven back, projecting from the rest of the flesh. So also the marks of nails were imprinted in his feet, and raised above the rest of the flesh. Moreover his right side, as if it had been pierced by a lance, was overlaid with a scar, and often shed forth blood, so that his tunic and drawers were many times sprinkled with the sacred blood."

The phenomenon of the nail heads has been reported in other stigmatics, such as Theresa Neumann, in more recent times but it is extremely rare. Several aspects of St Francis's stigmata, in particular the deep fissures in his hands, feet and sides, can hardly be the result of auto-suggestion to which sceptics blithely ascribe the condition.



The cruciform formation at Chervill, Wiltshire, found 20th June, 1989

THE BAVARIAN STIGMATIC

Even more difficult to explain is another characteristic of some stigmata, including those of Theresa[1] Neumann (1898-1962). The blood flowing from the wounds in her feet would, if she was lying face up on a bed, flow upwards towards her toes; that is, in a direction counter to gravity. This is of course the direction in which Christ's blood would have flowed from his foot wounds during the crucifixion. This was witnessed on many occasions and it must surely take more than auto-suggestion to flaunt the laws of physics.

Neumann was a peasant woman from a devoutly Catholic family living at Könnersreuth in Bavaria. Her stigmata, which she bore for most of her life, were examined by doctors, devout believers, ecclesiastics and even sceptics. She was also credited with other miraculous feats such as bilocation and divine inedia (existence without food).

A series of severe illnesses and accidents presaged the onset of her religious asceticism. These led to her being bedridden and blind and during this time she frequently suffered severe convulsions. Her disability continued for years until suddenly these afflictions were apparently miraculously cured, one by one, seemingly by the intercession of St Thérèse of Lisieux, a French nun to whose example Neumann showed deep devotion.

Her blindness and her paralysis were both cured and she was soon able to leave her bed without aid. Her stigmata first appeared six months later in 1926, in the form of the five classic wounds of the crucifixion, when she had a vision of Christ. These remained with her for the rest of her life.

Her stigmata bled periodically and at such times she would usually have visions. On Fridays she would enter a trance and re-enact the entire Passion as though she was witnessing the event. At these times blood would flow from her hands, feet, shoulder, forehead, and eyes in such quantities that bandages were used to soak it up. These ecstasies became so common that the people of Könnersreuth would gather at her house on Fridays in the hope of being admitted to see her in this state.

At times her stigmata were so intense that they glowed and this phenomenon was photographed in 1927. By 1930 observers became aware of protuberances resembling nail heads slowly appearing in her wounds, similar to those of St Francis.

In 1927 she had a vision in which she was told that she would no longer need to rely on earthly food. From then on she neither ate nor drank anything, yet she did not lose weight, nor did she weaken but lived a normal healthy life. Certainly a commission which tested this inedia of hers and kept her under constant surveillance affirmed that she took no food or water during a period of 14 days in 1927.

What possible link, one may ask, can there be between the stigmatism of religious visionaries and the modern day crop circles ? There is, I think, a possible link which is provided by a latter day stigmatic, Giorgio Bongiovanni, whose story I will attempt to relate.

Marking on hand of Gulf Breeze UFO witness

GIORGIO BONGIOVANNI

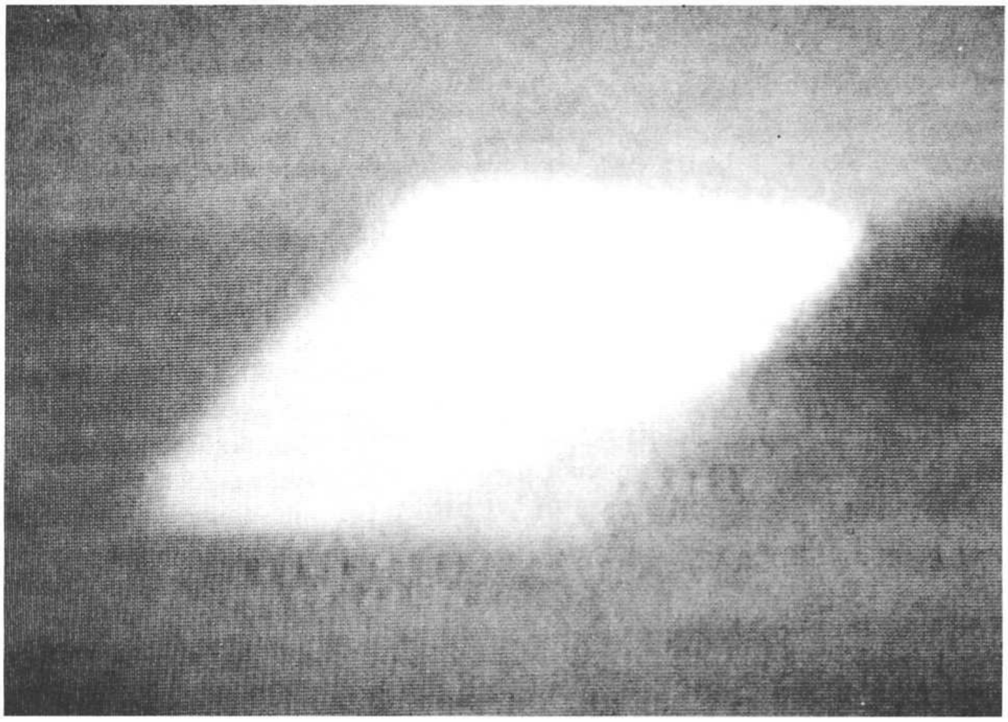
Giorgio Bongiovanni[2], who originally came from Sicily and whose parents were Catholics — though he does not think of himself as religious — received the stigmata as recently as 1989. This is an unusual story, and one which many will reject as far beyond the realms of the believable, but his stigmata stand witness to the strange events which have shaped his life. Perhaps we would do well to ponder the significance of these happenings.

Giorgio is a UFO contactee. He talks of the many occasions when he has met and spoken to extraterrestrial beings. Most of these he describes as "beings of light" in that they quite evidently are beings from a higher spiritual plane. Other people have called these beings transcendentals or, more traditionally, angels. However, Giorgio says that he sees these figures as having a physical body --"very bright"-- and he says it is quite possible to photograph them. They speak to him in words rather than telepathically.

Besides these beings of light, Giorgio says he has occasionally encountered humanoids who also come from stellar systems many light years from planet Earth. These are the "greys" who loom large in the demonology of the UFO subject, though he denies that they are in any way demonic. Their technology, he says, is about 100 years in advance of our own and they have their purpose in the universal scheme of things.

Giorgio's encounters with beings of light can be described as visions, since others who are with him are usually unable to see these divine presences. This is entirely similar to the frequent visions of the Virgin Mary experienced by the children of Medjugoriye or the young visionaries of Fátima. Indeed Giorgio has, we are told, received messages from the Virgin Mary and even from Jesus himself.

This has also been the case with some other UFO contactees (who should of course be distinguished from UFO abductees, whose experiences are entirely passive and who are abducted and manipulated by the "greys"). One such contactee was Eugenio Siragusa[3], who had numerous contacts from the 1950s to the 1970s, and was known as the Italian Adamski. Giorgio describes Siragusa as his spiritual father and was raised by him in this respect. For eleven years he was prepared by Siragusa and worked as editor of the magazine he founded, "*Non Siamo Soli* —We are not alone".



UFO which was photographed with a video camera by three men who were fishing in Norfolk on 26th October 1993. Bongiovanni says these craft make circles

HIS FIRST STIGMATA

Mystical stigmatics are most often visionaries and the appearance of their stigmata is closely linked to particular visions of, say, the Virgin Mary. This was exactly the case with Giorgio, and he says that it was she who stigmatized him.

In April 1989 he had a vision which occurred in his home town, Porto Sant'Elpidio[4]. He saw a very bright, shining, being of light who told him she was the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM). He must travel to Fátima in Portugal where she would manifest a sign which would be permanent and something that the whole world could see. In fact the sign would constitute proof that he must take around the world. It was not until September 1989 that he travelled to Fátima where he expected he might see some kind of heavenly sign in the skies.

But the sign was not something in the sky. When he arrived in Fátima he went to the Cova da Iria which was the place of the 1917 miracle (see box). Under the oak tree where the original apparitions had occurred in 1917 he saw the BVM again and she spoke to him. Within hours the first marks of the stigmata had appeared in the palms of his hands. He had seen two rays of light which struck his hands, his feet, his left side and his forehead.

The stigmata he received are permanent wounds unlike the case of those who have simple stigmata. Those on his feet appeared some time after his hands were stigmatised and the wound in his side months after that. The wound on his forehead which corresponds to Christ's "Crown of Thorns" is much more recent. It has spontaneously shaped itself into a very definite cross which is unusual. However the coagulated blood of stigmata frequently do form insignia such as crosses or a crown of thorns, and this has been the case with Giorgio.

His stigmata bleed every day, most often in the morning and this causes him considerable pain. Doctors have tested these flows of blood and expressed amazement at what they find. There has never been any sign of infection as would normally be the case with an open wound. Indeed, in normal circumstances, such an open wound would soon lead to severe infection and even death. Nor does Giorgio display any signs of anaemia.

The blood from the stigmata coagulates very rapidly, perhaps within ten seconds. However normal blood would take about ten minutes to coagulate and this is the case with blood taken from veins on other parts of his body. It is almost as if he had two different types of blood in one body.

WHAT MAKES THE CIRCLES?

I first met Giorgio Bongiovanni at a UFO Conference in Mesquite, Nevada, in November 1994. He sought me out and told me that he had information for me about the link between the crop circles and UFOs. I asked what he had been told about the circles by the beings of light with whom he was in contact.

"They have told me this. There are some pictograms that they make. Of course there are some speculations; some of the circles are false, but the real ones, which the investigators acknowledge, are true. These are signs which they make with devices they call synchronisers; they are like UFOs, small ones. These circles, they appear and they do not alter the plants genetically, or the growth, or the development of the plants. They only bend them, from up high. You can see that they leave these pictograms: they are messages. They are left for the scientists, for researchers, so that they can translate them."

He went on to talk about the actual craft which he says make the circles. Two such craft were recently captured on video film by three men fishing on the

Georgio Boniovanni

these matters and that the suppressed third secret of Fátima should be made known. The principal visionary of Fátima, Lucia dos Santos, had given the secrets revealed to her by the BVM to her priest and these were passed on to the Vatican. The first two secrets she made public in 1941 but the third secret was never disclosed in 1960 which was when she had been told that it could be revealed.

The first secret was that Francisco and Jacinta, his sister, would soon die and join the BVM in Heaven. This prediction soon came to pass and both children died of influenza in the great epidemic which raged during 1919-1920.

The second secret was that another world war would scourge the earth if man did not stop offending God. This war would be heralded by a mysterious light in the sky. This prediction also came to pass: the aurora borealis was seen all over Europe on January 25th 1938, which was not long before the outbreak of World War II.

This display of northern lights was most spectacular and extended far further south than is normal. Together with the warning that a further ferocious war might be waged, came a plea to pray for Russia, otherwise that country might spread its evil influence throughout the world.

The third secret was supposedly read by Pope John XXIII to a secret conclave of cardinals in the Vatican in 1960. A decision was taken not to reveal it publicly and it is said that distraught and white-faced attendees were seen to emerge from that meeting shortly afterwards.[6]

Giorgio Bongiovanni says that popes John XXIII and Paul VI communicated the warning of the third secret on an unofficial basis through diplomatic channels. His mission, which if he is the reincarnated Francisco seems especially suitable, is to divulge this secret at the present time. The secret came in three main parts and was interspersed with much invocation to prayer and penance, and warnings of dire misfortune.

Firstly, there will be a crisis in the Roman Catholic church which will become divided.

Secondly, that there was a danger of nuclear war and ensuing holocaust which could erupt at any time in the second half of this century if man did not stop offending God. The danger, he says, is not yet past although it appears to have receded. (How the concept of "nuclear" war was expressed in 1917, long before such things were known, is a mystery.)

Thirdly, beings of light will be seen by everyone and humanity will discover it is not alone in the Universe. This will happen before some great natural catastrophe occurs. The second coming of Jesus, accompanied by beings of light, will occur at the end of

Norfolk Broads in October 1993. An extremely similar object was also filmed near Sevastopol in the Crimea (Ukraine) on August 15th of that year. A photograph from one of these sequences is reproduced here. The image of the luminous object depicted appears shaped like a rhombus though it might well be discoid and edge on.

Critics maintain that this shape is a false construct of the Panasonic video camera's aperture --though there is indeed a bright object-- but Giorgio rejects this explanation. These craft he says are made of plasma[5], or at any rate exist in that state of matter of which the beings of light also have their substance.

He goes on to say that spaceships of this kind account for many of the UFOs which have been seen at Gulf Breeze, Florida. It is interesting to recall that a few years ago a witness to the Gulf Breeze UFO experienced an extraordinary marking on the back of his hand similar in nature to simple stigmata, where marks darken the skin and blood sometimes seeps through it. This occurred while the man was observing the UFO and a clear pattern of seven equally spaced dots in a ring surrounding a central dot was left on his hand for several days afterwards.

THE SECRETS OF FÁTIMA

Giorgio Bongiovanni was told by the beings of light that he was in fact the reincarnation of Francisco Marto, one of the three children of Fátima. The purpose of his stigmata was that the whole world should know of

this century or in the first years of the next century. Giorgio has not been given an exact date for this.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE SIGNS

He says that as far as the crop circles are concerned there would be more signs of this kind all over the world. In the same way as Giorgio's stigmata, these would enlighten and affect many people who would gradually begin to realise that man is not alone and is not the highest form of life in the Universe.

Giorgio points to what has happened with successive religions: each one has led to division, war and the quest for power. He says this is why he does not belong to any religion and does not wish to create a religion or church. Although he describes himself as a Christian, he remains outside the Catholic Church, which officially disapproves of much of what he says, such as his claim of reincarnation.

The Vatican is well aware of Giorgio Bongiovanni and some regard him as a heretic. Nevertheless he has his supporters within the hierarchy. At present he travels widely and has appeared on TV in many countries, spreading the message of "Non siamo soli", that we are not alone. Today, he says, this visitation is stronger, more visible and more present than in the past. It is stronger because of the tragic circumstances which man himself has brought about on Earth: war, starvation and the pollution of our planet. Even so, it is for us to change things, he says, though we would receive help from the beings of light if we were to ask for it.

MIRACLES OR MANIA?

Many dismiss the stigmata as merely a psychosomatic condition which can occur in certain highly religious people who are of a hysterical disposition. Such a glib explanation is hardly consistent with the facts. Undoubtedly a wide variety of psychosomatic conditions can be caused by hysteria but hardly deep wounds which bleed on a regular basis. There are stigmatics undoubtedly who suffer hysteria but it is a totally insufficient explanation. Some like Giorgio are the very opposite, and could be described as serene, even placid.

One should not confuse hypnotically induced stigmata with the genuinely mystical stigmata. The former are transient effects which can be self-induced or induced by hypnosis. Mystical stigmata, which we have considered in the cases above, bleed either perpetually or periodically. The wounds of the genuine stigmatic never heal, nor can they be healed: sometimes deep fissures open up and intense pain is experienced. The Gulf Breeze case mentioned earlier is akin to transient hypnotic stigmata where the blood --if it appears at all-- merely seeps through the skin. Divine stigmata always first appear when the stigmatic is undergoing an ecstasy or vision, and there is no way such deep and permanent wounds can be simulated or faked. Just let hoaxers try to produce effects like these!

No discussion of stigmata is complete without mention of one objection which is often raised. It is said that when the Romans crucified their victims they drove nails through the *wrists* since ones through the hands would not support the weight of the body, which would tear loose. Thus the wounds of Jesus would not have been in the palms but through his *wrists*. There is some proof of this from the skeletal remains of crucifixion victims but this really is a canard. Very likely those condemned would be tied to the cross before the nails were driven through their hands and this, together with the support given by the projecting foot block, would be quite sufficient to support the body's weight.

In attempting to rationalise what many see as a miracle those who are not metaphysically inclined will maintain that all of these effects are produced by the human psyche: that of the stigmatic himself or herself. External influence, whether divine or extraterrestrial, is a concept that simply cannot be allowed. I suggest that this an entirely false limitation that results from our established way of looking at the world. If we approach this in terms of consciousness, all consciousness from whatever level is interconnected and so the concept of internal or external influence is simply inapplicable.

There are subtle energies and there are also, of course, physical factors which determine these phenomena. But maybe that is not so much the issue with which we should concern ourselves: the 'how' is of less importance than the 'why'. It is the message of the stigmata and the message of the crop circles which we should seek to understand.

NOTES AND COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

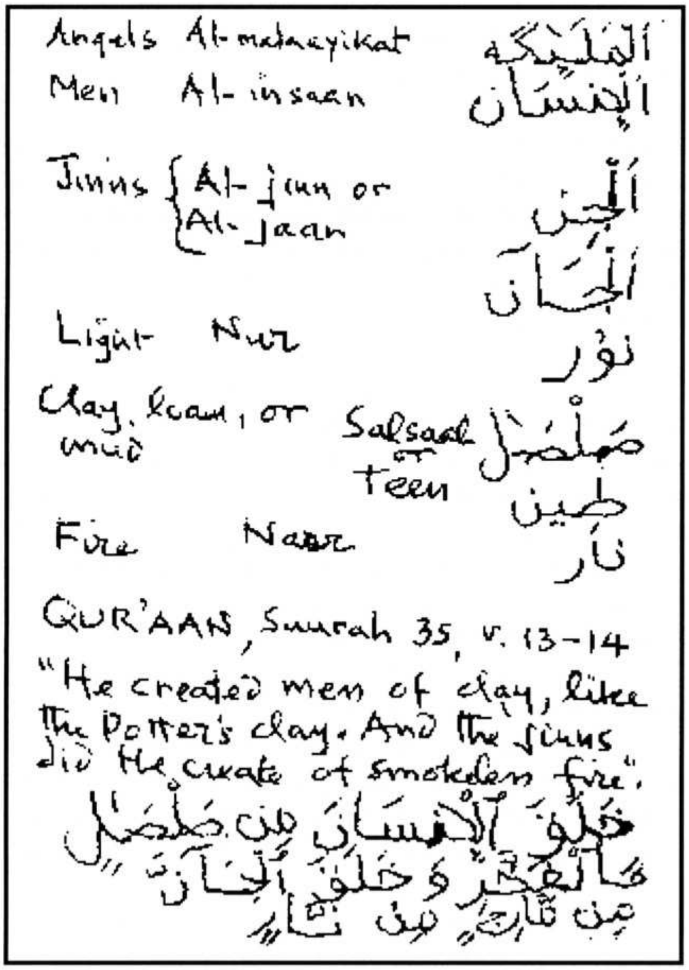
1. One day, during World War II, a squad of German soldiers arrived at her Convent with orders to bring Theresa Neumann to the Gestapo Headquarters for interrogation, as she was accused of having slandered Hitler. They discovered her to be in a state of trance, her eyes and stigmata glowing. And she greeted them with such a powerful blast of prophesying, predicting in detail not only the fate of each soldier but also predicting the final fate of Adolf Hitler, that they all fled. And she was never troubled by them again.

2. I have spoken with Bongiovanni by telephone, and he has confirmed the accuracy of the Pope's statement on Fátima, as issued in *Non Siamo Soli* and given by me in FSR 40/2..... We talked *in Spanish*, as my spoken Spanish is a lot better than my spoken Italian. But, curiously enough, at the date of our conversation, I had no inkling of the fact that Bongiovanni had already claimed that - according to the Higher Beings encountered by him - he had had an earlier life as the *Spanish*-speaking boy Francisco Marto at Fátima!

3. Eugenio Siragusa, an Italian tax official from Catania, Sicily, had several quite extraordinary experiences and meetings, on the lower slopes of Mt. Etna, during 1962, with two types of seemingly noble and benevolent and quite "human-like" beings from landed saucers. The first meeting, on April 30, 1962, was with individuals "about 5ft 4 inches or so" in height. The others, met on September 4, 1962, were seven-foot tall "giants".
I was for some years in correspondence with Signor Siragusa, and I have his book (so far as I know never translated into English).
Today, he runs the journal *Non Siamo Soli (We are not Alone)*. assisted by Giorgio Bongiovanni.
I consider Siragusa's story to be one of the most important that I have ever come across. So far as I can gather, most Italian researchers in the UFO field simply regard him as a liar and a hoaxer - probably because he has a strong "religious message" to give. (This same grievous flaw is also widely detected and condemned in *me*.)
For details of Siragusa's contacts and experiences, as translated by me, see two of my articles, published over 30 years ago in FSR:-

The Italian Scene: Part I. Signor Siragusa's Message. in FSR 9/1 (Jan/Feb. 1963).
More News of Siragusa. In FSR 9/6 (Nov/Dec. 1963).

4. Porto Sant' Elpidio is on the east coast of Mainland Italy (Lat.43°15N., Long.13°45E.)
5. According to the *Qur'aan*, the Angels (*al-malaayikat)* have bodies of *light* (*nuur*), *humans* merely have bodies made of *clay* or *loam* (*salsal* or *tiin*), — i.e. star-dust — the very elements of our *Periodic Table*, while the *Jinns* (*spirits and also demons*) have bodies made from (a) *naari al-samuumi* or from (b) *maarijin min naarin*, these latter two terms, though incomprehensible, being variously translated hitherto into English as (a) *"essential fire"* or *"essential flame"* (b) *"essential flame"*, and *"smokeless fire"* and (b) as *"smokeless flame"* or *"blazing fire"*.
Seemingly nobody in our modern age therefore knows what the Prophet Muhammad meant by these two abstruse terms.
But it might be found interesting to note that a few years ago - just before the Gulf War - I was in contact by telephone with a very distinguished and important Arab doctor, Dr. Al-Nahas. He was trained in England, received his qualifications at a famous London hospital (Bart's), and also has done postgraduate work there more than once. At the time when I last spoke with him he was occupying an extremely important post in Sadam Hussein's Iraq, for he was the Head of the Department of Radiation Medicine in the Iraqui University in Baghdad. He was on temporary absence from his post when I last talked with him, and again doing postgraduate work at Bart's. ***He had long been a keen reader of FSR, and he told me he felt sure I was absolutely right in my theories and my writings about the Jinns and about the Arabic esoteric lore concerning them.***
And when I asked him what he thought about the two above-mentioned Arabic terms, he replied: "I don't know what they mean. But I can only assume that it might mean some sort of plasma - of a sort that our modern Science hasn't discovered yet!"


Angels Al-malaayikat الملئكة
Men Al-insaan الإنسان
Jinns {Al-jinn or Al-Jaan} الجن الجان
Light Nur نور
Clay, loam, or mud Salsaal or Teen صلصال طين
Fire Naar نار
QUR'AAN, Suurah 35, v. 13-14
"He created men of clay, like the Potter's clay. And the Jinns did He create of smokeless fire".
خلق الإنسان من صلصال كالفخار وخلق الجان من مارج من نار

6. I have already given the essence of the "Third Part" of the Secret of Fátima. (See FSR 40/2).G.C ■

THE FÁTIMA MIRACLE

13th October, 1917

The story of Fátima in Portugal concerns three young Catholic children, Lucia dos Santos (9), Francisco Marto (8) and his sister Jacinta (6) who were tending sheep in a remote rural area in May 1917. A flash of lightning in a cloudless sky alarmed the children who drove the sheep into a hollow, the Cova da Iria. There they saw a remarkable sight: the dazzling figure of a beautiful woman of about 18 who spoke to Lucia.

The apparition, who was thought to be the BVM, instructed the children to pray and to return to the Cova da Iria on the 13th of each successive month until October 13th when she would show them a miracle. They kept this secret at first but soon the villagers got to know of the apparitions. Many scorned the children, calling them liars, but others followed them to the hollow on the 13th of each month in ever increasing numbers. Soon people came from far and wide.

The visitations were invisible to onlookers but there were a number of manifestations which confirmed the impression something extraordinary was taking place. Flashes often preceded the encounter during which Lucia was seen to talk to the unseen presence. Something like the loud humming of a bee was heard and the topmost branches of the tree where the BVM supposedly came to rest were seen to bend down as if under an invisible weight. Some watchers saw a small luminous white orb or cloud settle there for a time before eventually departing towards the east. The sun usually seemed to dim and at least once petals fell from an empty sky. During these visitations Lucia was vouchsafed a number of secrets by the BVM - the secrets of Fátima.

Despite considerable opposition from the civic authorities, about 70,000 people made their way to the Cova on October 13th. There was rain and thick cloud. At midday Lucia cried out "look at the sun" and the crowd turned to see what might have been the disk of the sun emerge from the clouds. But the silvery disk which they saw was not blinding and it began to revolve throwing out multi-coloured light in all directions. It stopped and repeated this "dance" twice. Then the disk, now blood-red, seemed to plunge towards the ground in a zigzag motion. There was great heat from it and many in the crowd were quite terrified that they would be crushed by its enormous mass. Many were weeping and expecting that at any moment the end of the world would come. After ten minutes this phenomenon ceased and the "sun" rose up to its normal position.

The supposition that what occurred was merely hysteria is not borne out by the many accounts of those present who included scientists and sceptics besides many of the faithful. The strange light display was also seen by others several miles away and not part of the crowd. This was undoubtedly a paranormal event.G.W. ■

ABDUCTED: AN AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENTLY WITNESSED EVENT?

PART ONE

© By Keith Basterfield

October 22nd 1994

Dear Colleague

As promised, enclosed please find Part 1 of a 2-part article on what appears to be an independently witnessed multiple person abduction case from Belgrave, Victoria, here in Australia.

Part 1 tells the account of two of the witnesses from their perspective. Part 2, when written, will detail the accounts of the three other people in a separate vehicle who recall seeing the same UFO and entities, and beyond.

I will forward Part 2 as soon as possible.

Regards

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I. INTRODUCTION

A unique Australian CE3/CE4 event has been slowly researched and documented since it occurred near Belgrave, Victoria, in August 1993. It involves five people in two independent groups, in two motor vehicles, who were party to a very close encounter one night outside of Melbourne, the capital city of the state of Victoria.

One of the witnesses, a woman who wishes to be known only by her real first name of Kelly, contacted my colleague Bill Chalker of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, after failing to locate anyone in her home-State to talk to about the experience. Bill referred her to John Auchettl of Phenomena Research Australia, who lives in Melbourne. John interviewed Kelly and her husband Andrew (pseudonym) and then was successful in locating and interviewing the other three witnesses.

Kelly subsequently visited Adelaide, South Australia, where I live, and we were able to spend a weekend exploring her portion of the event. Her husband Andrew, although acknowledging the event and confirming the marks on Kelly's body, did not wish to participate in an investigation.

I was fortunate to be able to sit in on a hypnotic regression session with Kelly and an Adelaide psychologist with whom I work, in an attempt to unlock an apparent period of missing time.

So, part 1 of this article is Kelly's account of the Belgrave incident. part 2 will look at what the other party recalled and some interesting physical traces found at the site, courtesy of John Auchettl's investigation.

II. KELLY: THE EMERGENCE OF MEMORIES:

On the 16th September, 1993, Kelly and her husband Andrew were attending a barbecue, at the home of a friend of theirs in the State of Victoria.

During the course of the evening, somehow the conversation turned to the subject of UFOs. The host was very sceptical of the subject of UFOs. Kelly was surprised to hear her husband comment about the two of them having seen a UFO some weeks before on their way home from the house of a friend. He recalled how Kelly had pointed out the object and how they had observed it hovering over the middle of the road, and thought it looked like a football field all lit up. You see, Kelly didn't recall seeing anything like this. This claim of her husband's continued therefore to trouble her over the following weeks, as she couldn't work out why he should have made such a thing up.

October 1, 1993 saw them driving, during the day, through Fountain Gate, an outer Melbourne suburb, in the State of Victoria, then on to Belgrave, and up to Monbulk. They were on their way to visit the house of the same friend where the barbecue was held.

After passing the Fountain Gate shopping centre, quite out of character, Kelly thought to herself that an open area to the side of the vehicle would be a good place for a UFO to land. She doesn't know where this thought came from.

At this point, a feeling of dread passed through her — a fear which had no apparent cause considering the setting they were in. Unbidden memories emerged of an episode from the night of the 7/8th August 1993. She found herself wondering how on Earth she could have forgotten the highly unusual, very disturbing episode?

III. AUGUST THE SEVENTH/EIGHTH

On the seventh of August 1993 Kelly and Andrew were travelling to their friend's place to celebrate the friend's daughter's 18th birthday. On the outskirts of Belgrave, just after dark, Kelly, who was in the passenger seat, was startled to glimpse, for 2-3 seconds, a circle of round, orange lights sitting in a paddock. Andrew, as driver, and travelling at about 100km/hr, apparently did not see them, and Kelly, deep in thought as to what they could have been, did not mention it to Andrew for some five minutes. They then discussed whether or not it could have been an aircraft or a helicopter, but Andrew was not open to her discussion on the observation and the conversation about it was brief.

After arriving at her friend's place Andrew told people what Kelly had seen, and Kelly received a ribbing from those present about it. There was even talk of little green men. Kelly and her friend then went off to play bingo and returned to the friend's place at about 11 pm. After coffee and a chat Andrew and Kelly set off home. Although they did not look at a clock their estimate of the time of departure placed it as about 11.45 pm. The normal duration of the trip home was about 90 minutes.

Traffic was light on the road home to Melbourne, and travelling down-hill between Belgrave and Fountain Gate an object was again sighted. This time it seemed to be hovering above the road, at about twice tree-top height, some 400-500m to their front. The bottom half of it was a grouping of circular, orange lights, while the top seemed solid. It was identical to the object Kelly had seen on the way up to their friend's.

As they got closer to it, Kelly thought that there were figures visible in the lights and told her husband of this observation. Andrew also looked at the object, which then took off at speed to their left.

IV. CLOSE ENCOUNTER:

A couple of kilometres further along the road, a brilliant light was encountered which appeared to take up the width of the road, and was directly in front of them. Kelly needed to shield her eyes to look at it. Her heart was racing, and adrenalin pumping. The couple talked about what they were seeing.

Suddenly, within a split second of driving towards the light, the next memory was of sitting in the car, but feeling relaxed, with a normal pulse and no adrenalin flow. The two of them were puzzled as to what had happened to the light towards which they had, seconds ago, been driving? Kelly commented that she felt as if she'd experienced a black-out. Discussion on this apparent "missing time" continued over the next half hour, with Kelly certain that some time had passed and Andrew suggesting that she'd been daydreaming. However, both felt they were suffering unexplained stomach pain and that the car smelled of vomit.

Upon arrival home they checked the time and the clock showed that it was 2.30 am, whereas it should have been about 1.15am.

V. AFTER-EFFECTS

Before going to bed Kelly went to the bathroom, and found a red, triangular mark beneath her navel and a small "cut" on her bikini line similar to a laparoscopy marking. This cut seemed only a couple of days old. She knew immediately what the "cut" was as she had undergone exploratory surgery previously. Neither mark had previously been there. In addition, although not due for her menstruation, she had started to bleed.

The unexplained bleeding continued for 3 1/2 weeks resulting in her becoming ill to the point of needing hospitalisation for an infection of the womb. She found out that the normal cause of an infected womb was either a self-terminating pregnancy or an infection brought about following surgery. A pregnancy test proved negative, and she had not undergone recent surgery. The doctor however, concluded that she must have been pregnant, thus leading to an infected womb.

VI. MORE MEMORIES:

What you have read so far were the initial memories recalled. Over a period of a few hours more memories emerged which broadened the recollection of events of that morning. These memories emerged as a series of

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unfolding flashbacks, e.g. one was of bending down in the car to pick up her handbag, another was of standing in the middle of the road. She'd get a 30-second piece of recall, then nothing, then another short recall.

As they continued to drive towards the light, upon turning a bend in the road, it transpired that the object was on the right-hand side of the road and at ground level. At the spot where the encounter occurred the road takes a curve around a gully, and it is possible to see the location from along a 1km stretch.

As they halted their vehicle, Kelly observed that another road vehicle had come to a halt, some 100 metres behind them, back down the road, with a number of people in it. Andrew and Kelly, who stopped to pick up her handbag, got out of the car and walked across the road, and stared into the gully where the object rested. At this point they were some 5 metres away from the road, by a fence-line. The only landmarks that they could see were a slight embankment and a little tree line. They stood awestruck and looked. After some 30 seconds, a figure came towards them. It was rather tall, black in colour, and was of a different shape from a human being, being too tall and skinny.

She drew her husband's attention to the being and then Kelly decided to contact the being by thought, but was instantly flooded with a sensation of fear. From a distance of 100-150m the creature's eyes lit up red. Kelly stated to Andrew "*They've got no souls,*" before screaming.

She then became aware that there were in fact a number of these creatures approaching, seemingly floating over the ground as if they weren't walking. The entities split up, some came towards Andrew and Kelly, and others went towards the other vehicle and its occupants. Kelly found her mind becoming confused and she couldn't focus on anything. She really yelled to the other people: *"They're evil. They're going to kill us!"*

Suddenly, there was a sensation in her stomach which caused her to fall backwards through the air, landing on her back (later an electric fence was located at this site and was perhaps the stimulus for this sensation). She sat up, trying to remain conscious, feeling physically sick and catching her breath. She could not see - she felt blinded, but could hear her husband's voice nearby. He seemed terrified and spoke: "*Let go of me!*" In response came a male voice, which Kelly felt she had heard somewhere before but couldn't place it: "*We mean you no harm.*" Further dialogue ensued, at the end of which Kelly felt sick, put her head between her legs and passed out.

Coming to again, she was still sitting on the ground, and she couldn't see but formed the impression that there were a lot of "people" around her. She still felt nauseous, sweaty, with head spinning. The same male voice, speaking as if addressing a crowd, said: "*We are a peaceful people.*" Kelly broke down and cried. A hand then touched her on the shoulder, a gentle touch, but this sent her into a rage.

The next conscious memory found her back in the car but unable to recall anything after seeing the light.

VII. HOME AGAIN - THE DREAM:

Arriving home, they went to bed and Kelly dreamed. In this dream she was on the ground, at the encounter site, sitting down. Her vision was clearing. She could see beings but only from the elbows down, she couldn't see the top half of them. She then saw her husband being led away down a slope to the object. Somehow, she knew that the creature leading him was female. Feeling enraged she rushed towards the creature and grabbed its arm, only then to black out.

Coming round, Kelly could see the grounded object and a middle-aged woman was yelling "*Murderess*" to Kelly, who had a body at her feet. Kelly then felt an arm around her and she was led away. Finding herself in a small room, with a being present, whose face she could not see, the being informed her that she hadn't really killed anyone but that they had used her sense of morality to overcome her fear.

VIII. NEXT MORNING:

When she woke up the next morning she would vividly recall the above dream. She noted there was also mud on the soles and heels of her shoes, and can recall having had to jump over a muddy ditch to get to their viewing position on the side of the road.

IX. REGRESSION:

This, then, was Kelly's conscious recollection, of encountering an unusual object, of there being other human witnesses to the event; of seeing creatures and an apparent period of "missing time", of some of which she became aware.

During a visit to Adelaide, South Australia where the author lives, she decided to undergo regression hypnosis conducted by a fully qualified psychologist. Although describing her recollections of the 7th August in detail, she was unable to penetrate beyond the pre-existing conscious memories. No abduction scenario emerged.

X. SURROUNDING EVENTS:

As with many other close encounter experiences, Kelly's 7th August event was not set in isolation. Below are detailed a few of these surrounding events.

In about July 1993 she went on a spiritual retreat for 3 weeks, using her back-room. One night she was sitting, awake, on the edge of the bed, when she became aware of someone speaking to her. She listened intently and discovered she couldn't move an inch from her bed. There was some kind of power present. She found herself in shock, went as white as a ghost, and couldn't remember what she had heard.

Shortly after the August event very unusual episodes would occur. The television turned itself on and off. Kelly would get up during the night to find the TV on even though they had turned it off before going to bed. It would then switch itself off. Light bulbs blew at

a higher incidence rate than normal. The VCR raced forwards, backwards and ejected cassettes all by itself. At first it would happen and they'd catch it as they walked into the room. Later it did it in front of them.

Their motor vehicle in the driveway, tried to start up all by itself, with the doors locked and the "kill" switch on. The engine would turn over but never actually start. Andrew would run down to see who was trying to steal the car but found no one there.

Although she regards herself as having been "psychic" prior to the event she feels that these abilities have been ten times more evident since August.

Several times, a small, orange ball of fire, the size of an orange, has been seen to hit windows in the house. It came from nowhere and simply ran into the window, and made a cracking sound.

XI. ENDPIECE:

Kelly's and Andrew's accounts are in themselves an interesting CE3 event with an apparent period of missing time. The marks Kelly found on herself are also indicative of an abduction event, even though neither Kelly nor Andrew consciously recalls such an experience.

This encounter would intrigue in itself, but Phenomena Research Australia researcher John Auchettl was able to locate the other party, of three people, who also independently recall observing the same entities and UFO that night, and more than that. Part 2 will continue the saga of the Belgrave incident.

Dear Gordon

Due to circumstances beyond my control I am unable to submit to you part 2 of my article titled: "*Abducted: An Australian Independently Witnessed Event?*"

I have just been advised that the second party of three people involved in the incident have sold the rights to their story to a major German magazine, and that John Auchettl is no longer able to release his report upon which I was to base part 2 of my article.

John's report was to have been released last October, when I wrote part 1, and I expected to have a copy in my hands within days of despatching part 1 to you, and intended part 2 to follow almost immediately. Delay upon delay occurred and the final straw was advised to me.

I sincerely apologise to readers for being unable to report upon this most interesting event. When the magazine article appears we will all learn whether or not this event really was an independently witnessed abduction event.

Would you kindly publish this letter for your readers' information?

Yours sincerely

Keith Basterfield

March 24, 1995 ■

WATER THIEVES

By Gordon Creighton

It seems that before long the shortage of *water* will have become one of the most serious of the many problems facing mankind in various parts of the world. On page 9 of FSR 40/1 (Spring 1995) we reported briefly that, on the evening of Monday, February 27, Karen Conlon, a 31-year-old woman from Runcorn, Cheshire, as well as several other people, saw something descend from the sky and apparently suck up water from the River Mersey.

As I stated in that brief note, this sort of thing is nothing new. And over the forty years of FSR's existence we have published numerous reports (mostly from the USA and Australia) about alien machines that siphon off huge quantities of water from our lakes and rivers. In two of his three very important books on the UFO Problem the late M.K. Jessup speculated a great deal around this theme and suggested considerable cogent evidence for the existence of huge tanker craft engaged in receiving the discs that purloin precious liquid, and in carrying it off to the Moon, or Mars, or elsewhere.

One night, about 20 years ago, over a lake near my own home, I think I may possibly have seen a craft that was engaged in that very operation. On some suitable future occasion we may find it worthwhile to devote some space in FSR to a discussion of the question whether - as many people seem to believe - alien beings (or some species of them) may be simply using this water as *fuel* for their craft? There are a number of pointers worthy of consideration.

In the case of Karen Conlon of Runcorn, it seems she told the newspaper *The World* (Widnes) edition of March 2 that six other passers-by had also observed the strange object, on the night of Monday, February 27, as they were walking along Fair View Walk at Castlefields. She said: "The light above the Mersey River was orange-coloured, and at first I thought it was simply a street lamp. I kept watching it, and then I realized it was too high to be a lamp, and too low to be an aeroplane. I stopped again to look, and three teenage girls and a boy of about 16 and also a young couple, all stopped, and everyone was amazed at what we were seeing.

"The lad noticed a black beam, from underneath the craft, going into the water, and it appeared to be sucking the water up.

"We all stood there for about ten minutes watching in disbelief. The craft was stationary for a long time. Then it moved and looked to be heading towards Warrington. The three girls who were watching with us started waving and it turned and headed towards us. It was then that I got quite nervous. *The shape of the craft changed from circular to rectangular* and it tilted, and I could see six red lights underneath.

"Then it stopped and headed towards Helsby and disappeared."

Karen said she was previously "very sceptical about UFOs," but is now baffled by what she saw. "I felt more uneasy than frightened, but curiosity got the better of me", she said. "Whatever it is, I think the public has a right to know what's going on. I really want the other people who were with me to come forward to verify what I have said." Air Traffic Control at Liverpool and at Manchester said they had no record of any craft being in the area at the time. But British Airways pilot Captain Roger Willis and his co-pilot Captain Stuart had reported seeing a similar "orange rectangular", craft over Congleton as they were trying to land their *Boeing 737* jet at Manchester Airport three weeks earlier. The two pilots said they were both shaken by what they had seen. The air controllers said that their *Boeing 737* was the only thing showing up on the radar at that time.

In a second lead-article a week later (March 9, 1995) the *Widnes World* continued the story and said "UFO fever" was sweeping Runcorn. The four teenagers mentioned by Karen Conlon had now come forward and contacted the newspaper, and so had numerous other Runcorn residents who had weird and strange experiences and sightings to report - mostly of lights and objects in the sky. Some witnesses said they had been seeing them for several months past ■

A WEIRD NIGHT AND MISSING TIME ON THE PENNINE HILLS

© By Mike and Pat Jones and Colin Howarth

(The Rochdale UFO Research Group)

[The following hair-raising report comes to us from Mr. & Mrs. Jones of the Rochdale Group, 116 Louise Street, Smallbridge, Rochdale, Lancs., OL12 9RT, and concerns the experiences of two teenagers, "John" and "Michelle", while seated in their car high up on the Pennine Hills on the night of November 5, 1994. EDITOR

INTRODUCTION

For two Rochdale youngsters remembering November 5th will never be a problem again, because it was on Guy Fawkes night of 1994 that they were subjected to a frightening ordeal that has left them both emotionally drained.

It is not often that an investigator has a case that is literally "hot off the press", but I got to know about this one a little over a week after the event. I was approached by the mother of one of the young people, who told me that as a result of something that had happened to her son "John" and his girl friend, he ("John") was suffering from bad nightmares and severe mood changes. She asked for my help and I arranged for the couple to be interviewed on video. With my colleague Colin Howarth, we arranged for the interview to take place at the home of "Michelle's" parents, and it was noticeable that all through this remarkab ly candid and open interview both young people were suffering from emotional stress. The following is an account of what happened.

THE EVENTS

In their quest for privacy, the couple had decided to drive up high into the Pennine Hills above Rochdale to carry on their courting. The night was clear, and from their position they had a panoramic view as they sat in their car. A private Yorkshire radio station was being received loud and clear on the car radio when the couple first noticed something strange. The clock on the dash-board of the car could be heard ticking loudly, so loudly in fact that they could hear it over the sound of the radio; so much so indeed that the couple turned the radio off for a while to listen to the clock, which seemed to be getting ever louder!

Then John noticed that the inside of the door-panel on his side (driver's) was giving off heat, and was even uncomfortable to the touch.

It was then that John noticed something in his wing mirror which he described as "very brilliant flashes of light, brighter than any lightning he had seen". When he turned his head round he saw what he described as a large luminous cloud, with bright flashing lights inside it, coming towards them. He also heard a noise that he likened to "a resonating drone."

For some reason he couldn't explain, the young man was overcome by a sense of panic, and he decided to turn the car round and leave the area. So he put it into reverse and turned the car to face the lights, which were now overhead, illuminating the entire area including the inside of the car.

He pressed the button to close the windows, but found that they stuck after rising about an inch. He also noticed that Michelle was laughing in an hysterical manner.

John put his foot down hard on the accelerator to an extent that would normally have set the car shooting forward, but, despite the fact that the rev counter on the dash-board indicated great acceleration, the

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vehicle was only moving sluggishly. As Michelle continued to laugh hysterically John panicked even more. Then suddenly the car shot forward at great speed, nearly causing John to lose control. In his own words he described the propulsion "as if someone had held us back with a giant elastic band and then let go".

Luckily there is a small upgradient leading away from the beauty spot which absorbed much of the impetus, and after a few moments John had regained control and the car spun away down the dirt track which eventually leads to the main road. As he looked in his driving mirror he now saw no sign of the object, and he certainly had no inclination to go back and look for it.

The couple drove back towards Rochdale in silence, until they stopped for petrol at a nearby filling station, when both suddenly started chatting incoherently about the events.

I have timed the drive from the house of Michelle's parents to the spot where the incident took place as taking a little under fifteen minutes (that was in heavy traffic). Allowing for the stop at the petrol station, and the fact that the return was late at night, a total return time of twenty minutes or so for them seems reasonable,. but as the couple neared Michelle's home the clock on the dashboard indicated a little after nine thirty five. Both youngsters had a feeling it was later. Neither was wearing a watch but both remarked that there was a lack of traffic on the road, and when they got back home they found that it was a little before midnight. (The incident had taken place at approximately 9.10pm; the dashboard clock was working, but was approximately two hours slow.)

But there was more terror to come for the two young people for as they parked the car, John having turned the ignition off, the engine continued to turn over and all the lights on the dashboard refused to go out! This lasted for over two minutes before the engine finally died and switched itself off. By now of course the couple's imaginations were working over-time and both eyed the car suspiciously as they walked into the house. So shaking was Michelle and so frightened of being on her own that she asked John to stay for a while and it was just before dawn that he left the house for the short drive to his own home. The car was now acting normally.

NIGHTMARES

Not surprisingly, John had nightmares about the event, but in a most unusual way. Having been awoken one night in a cold sweat he would then continue, the following night, at the spot where the first nightmare had left off, and as the nights passed John admitted to being totally confused as to what was dreams and what was reality. One remarkable sequence was of him running out of the car, with little regard for Michelle's safety, bathed in a strong white light, and on another occasion he remembers (or dreamed) that he looked across to find that Michelle was no longer there. These dreams continued for a fortnight or so after their alarming experience up on the Hills.

The car actually belongs to John's parents, and had undergone a full service, less than a week before, by a reputable garage. But it continued to behave erratically after the event, a fact confirmed to us by John and his parents. Professional mechanical advice was therefore sought and given, but the car was found to be sound and in good working order.

HYPNOSIS REFUSED

Arrangements were made for the couple to be hypnotically regressed by a professional hypnotherapist. But less than forty-eight hours before the date arranged John phoned me to tell me that he was too frightened to go through with it, and although he was still having dreams he felt he could now rationalise and live with the situation.

FOOTNOTES

Firstly, although the location of their experience is geographically just inside the Yorkshire boundary, the area is policed, as far as aerial cover goes, by the Greater Manchester Police Force, who have confirmed that their own helicopter was not in the area that evening. Secondly, there is a history in John's family of mysterious U.F.O.-style events. His mother apparently had reported a sighting to the Rochdale group about twenty years previously. Thirdly, on investigation of the spot, we discovered that (a) there is an expanse of *water* there - a *reservoir* - and, (b), there are several *electricity powerlines* which criss-cross over the dam ■

Larry Warren reckons our write-up on Rendlesham was OK. (FSR 40/1)

Photo by Omar Fowler

THREE BOYS ABDUCTED IN ARGENTINA (1994)

By Gordon Creighton

Press reports recently received from Argentina include another child abduction case very similar to one or two of those reported by me thirty years ago and reproduced in our FSR book, *The Humanoids.* (1966) as well as quite a number in later years.

The event allegedly occurred on December 4, 1994, at or near the city of Concordia (Lat 31°.20S, Long 58°.10W) in east-central Argentina, right on the border with Uruguay and involved three brothers, Andrés Molero, aged 9, Jorge Molero, aged 8, and Carlos Molero, aged 7.

According to the statements of the three children, and also the statements of half a dozen eyewitnesses, an enormous craft, estimated to be about 75ft. wide, swooped down over the field where they were playing and "sucked them up into it by means of a strange beam of bluish light". They were apparently then taken for a three-days' journey "to view the Universe".

Said the eldest boy, Andrés: "A great golden ship took us up in the sky, and it was driven by God. I know it was God. He wore golden robes and had long silver hair and was shiny all over. He was very kind, and told us to call him Lalar. He showed us the Moon and other places in the sky, and said they were the stars".

The other two boys confirmed Andrés' account and said that they were "scared for a little while". Jorge (aged 8) explained: "*Lalar scraped our faces with a white stick and stuck us in the back with a needle, but he didn't hurt us".*

Carlos, the youngest, said: "There were little lights blinking on and off everywhere. The man looked funny, because he had a big head and two big yellow eyes. He is our friend".

The boys' parents, Emilio and Carmen Molero, were declining to talk to the press about the incident, and a UFO researcher, Armando Azparen, said that, so far, the authorities had not granted his requests to be able to interview the children. However, Sr. Azparen said that, "from what I have read in the newspapers I do believe that these children are telling the truth about their journey in the UFO."

The Argentinian authorities confirmed that, owing to the difficulty of interviewing and questioning such young children, they were not yet quite able to determine precisely what had happened to the children during the three days. However it did seem certain, they said, that the boys had undergone some sort of medical testing, "*because needle marks were still visible on their backs after they had got home."*

A spokesman for the Argentine military authorities would neither confirm nor deny reports that a UFO had been picked up by their radar both on the day when the boys were abducted and on the night when they were brought home. He said: "We are investigating, and the facts will be made public when they are known. We hope to have some solid information soon". (As so often happens, we have not heard any more about this case, and quite likely may never do so, judging by our past experiences. G.C.)

The Three Boys (Argentine Press Photo)

Sr. Rodrigo Ortiz, Special Investigator with the Concordia Police Department, told the press: "*Adults lie. Teenagers lie, But these children are too young to lie like that.* From all appearances it does seem to be a fact that they spent time on a starship piloted by an extraterrestrial life-form. They actually travelled out into Space and 'saw the sights', like tourists. At one point they thought God was taking them to Heaven as he - whoever or whatever 'he' was - stood at the controls of the UFO".

(Credit and thanks to Pat Byrne-Finch and two overseas readers, not identified. G.C)

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

See, in particular, Cases 52 and 54 (Mexico City) in my report *The Humanoids In Latin America*, on pages 84-129 of *The Humanoids*, first issued by FSR as a 'special' in October 1966 and later, in 1969, as a hardback by Neville Spearman Ltd, with subsequent reprints as a paperback by Futura Publications in 1974 and 1977. *And — be it noted that this was the first book ever issued on the occupants of UFOs.* In the USA it is claimed today - with the British meekly following suit — that Coral and Jim Lorenzen's paperback *Flying Saucer Occupants* (Signet Books, New York, July 1967) was the first!

This claim is totally untrue, since we had published *The Humaoids* in October 1966.

And in fact I am sorry to have to place it on record that Chapter Six of the Lorenzens' paperback (entitled *The Humanoids in South America*, and consisting of pages 103 to 116), was a brazen piece of pilferage of my translations of Spanish and Portuguese encounter cases in South America without any acknowledgement of myself or my work. And FSR's Editor at the time, Charles Bowen, found it necessary to 'nail' the plagiarism and name the perpetrators, in a subsequent issue of our Journal. In many places they had not even troubled to change the wording!

Since then however, we find that it has become quite 'normal' to 'borrow' my material without acknowledgement. For example: today everybody *knows* that G.W. Creighton had nothing whatever to do with the original publication of the famous Brazilian case of the farmer "A.V.B.". *"Somebody else did it"*! Despite all the pages and pages about it in ten issues of FSR. (FSR 11/1, 11/2, 11/4, (all in 1965), 12/4,12/5,12/6,13/1,13/3,14/1,18/3. plus *The Humanoids* October 1966)■

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YOGIC FLIERS TAKE OVER U.S. AIRBASE

By Gordon Creighton

UFO buffs world-wide will be enthralled by the news (*Daily Telegraph,*, February 9, 1995) that the former great American airbase at Bentwaters (one of the two U.S. bases involved in the Rendlesham Forest affair) is at last to be put to a higher spiritual use, for the British Ministry of Defence is reported to be planning to sell it to the Maharishi Mahesh as an academy for the teaching of yogic flight.

Who can doubt that, in such vast premises, wired to the standard American 120 volts, the airborne acolytes will attain record levels of spiritual perfection as they take off into the Deep Blue, (actually *Black*, I believe) of Outer Space.

ARGENTINE JET AIR-LINER IN UFO NEAR-MISS (JULY 1995)

© By Jane Thomas Guma, (Glendale, Arizona)
FSR Consultant for Spanish America

(Translation from Spanish. Jane Thomas Guma, August 1995)

I give below my translation of the fullest account seen in the press of Argentina regarding a recent extraordinary episode over the city of San Carlos de Bariloche in Rio Negro Province of Argentina when a UFO almost collided with an airliner of Aerolineas Argentinas and seemingly produced an electrical blackout in an entire city.

City and country of incident: **San Carlos de Bariloche, Rio Negro Province, Argentina.**
Date of Incident: **July 31, 1995, 08.10pm.**
Name and Date of Newspaper: La Nación, **Buenos Aires, August 2, 1995.**
Credit**: Señora Ruth Gerstel, Buenos Aires, via Jane Thomas Guma.**

A REPORTER FROM LA NACIÓN WAS IN THE PLANE WHEN A UFO WAS SEEN OVER BARILOCHE

By Mariano de Vedia
(On board Aerolineas Argentinas Flight No. 734)

IN FLIGHT

When everything seemed normal the plane made a sudden manoeuvre and all the electricity was cut off in the airport; all the passengers were confused; some of them began to pray.

SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE

Everything seemed normal in Aerolineas Argentinas flight 734 before it was due to land in this city. But at 08.10 pm the estimated landing-time, a sudden manoeuvre was clearly felt by the passengers. Up until then the flight routine had only been altered by the efforts that the on-board crew had to make to put a young passenger, who had both legs in a cast, in a reclining seat in the sixth row. The flight had been normal, with the exception of the infrequent slice of pizza served on board, together with lemon mousse. After the sudden manoeuvre to gain altitude many passengers were concerned by the delay in landing which the pilot had promised would be in 20 minutes. Quite a few passengers were scared and started to pray. At 08.25pm, the time when we were expecting to be re-united with our luggage, the plane kept on "building castles in the air." That was when we had the first information about the delay. The Captain explained that a blackout that affected the supply of electricity at the airport was the reason why he had to keep on circling until the lights returned and the landing would be authorised. At that time all of us — including myself — took instinctive refuge by looking out the windows. Only blackness surrounded the plane and a "there's nothing out there" that came from the tenth row, broke the silence.

"NOTHING HERE, NOTHING THERE"

The announcement of the blackout also halted the crew members' trips along the aisles of the plane. With their safety belts buckled up, some passengers, among whom there were members from the National Commission on Atomic Energy and from the Balseiro Institute, recalled the previous week's flight, when a cold wind and snow storm had caused another Aerolineas Argentinas flight to turn back to Buenos Aires without getting to Bariloche. The official information was given a few minutes later, when Captain Polanco, in his second announcement to the passengers, promised an imminent landing as soon as the electricity was back at the Base, but that it would take a while. The plane finally landed at 09.10 pm, one hour later than its ETA, and the hurry the passengers were in to get to their destination made them forget their interest in learning the real reasons for the delay. The data included by Captain Polanco in his report was confirmed by Major Oviedo, the Airport Chief, in his statements to the press. He confirmed that the pilot could not land in his first attempt due to the sudden appearance of a strange object in his path, just when the airport was blacked out. Oviedo said that the mass of light was seen by personnel in the control tower and he thought it possible for the passengers not to have noticed the UFO because the cabin, in the fuselage sector, was lit up.

"In the pilot's cabin, instead, the lights are dimmed", said the Airport Chief. The truth is that, when the passengers got off the plane, they did not notice anything out of the ordinary. Not even the watchful eyes of this reporter noticed any unusual movements. The passengers only commented on the snow along the sides of the landing strip. Some of them were interested in the fate of the young man with the broken legs, and how he fared when he got off the plane. But most of them thought

only about their luggage. The plane had a long delay before it took off again with other passengers on its trip back to Buenos Aires. Those who arrived in Bariloche had only the snow under their feet in their minds. (Bariloche is an international skiing resort - Tr.) The mysterious shadow of the UFO, that only had had a close encounter with the pilot, caught their attention only when it was too late

WITNESS

The Chief of the Airport in San Carlos de Bariloche, Major Jorge Luis Oviedo, confirmed yesterday that a UFO was seen.

"The version is exactly as the captain of the plane stated it, close to 5,500 feet and with the object beside us, all the airport's radio support was suddenly cut off, and there was a blackout in the whole city", he said.

THE REPORT FROM THE PILOT
By Carolina Arenes

"We cannot go on believing that we are alone in all the immensity of the Universe" This thought by Jorge Polanco — the Captain of the Aerolineas Argentinas plane that encounterd a UFO Monday night while landing at the Bariloche Airport, carries the strength of the words that are considered indisputable truths after witnessing a revelation. "What we saw was not a plane, it was nothing that responded to the physical laws as we know them."

A special report submitted to the authorities of the BarilochE Airport describes the phenomenon that, for the first time in the history of the Argentine aerial navigation, was seen from at least three different positions and by flight experts; the Aerolineas Argentinas pilots, the control tower personnel, and a Gendarmerie pilot flying over the area.

"We saw something similar to the image of an inverted flying saucer, as large as a *Boeing 727* and with a very powerful illumination that was blinding us", he claimed,

INEXPLICABLE BLACKOUT

When, a few minutes before 08.30 pm, and after a blackout that had lasted 10 minutes, the control tower authorised the descent, the four men in the cabin of the *Boeing 727* - the pilot, Captain Polanco, the copilot, Carlos Dortona, flight engineer Jorge Allende and another pilot from the same company - noticed the object arriving. "At first we were worried, because it was coming straight at us at full speed, but it stopped some 100 metres from us. When we called the control tower to learn if there was another plane in the area, they confirmed that the only other plane was a Gendarmerie machine which was flying 600 metres above us", said Polanco.

It was precisely Rubén Cipazuk, pilot of the Gendarmerie's turboprop *PA 315/GN,* who filled them in about the whereabouts of the UFO: "I'm seeing it and I don't know what it is, but it is following you", he stated. When the plane began its approach before landing the object placed itself some 100 metres to the right of the plane and accompanied it in its descent.

INSTRUMENTS WENT WILD

In the tower, the instruments "went crazy" and inexplicably the night once again swallowed up the lights of Bariloche and the landing strip disappeared in the darkness. Said Polanco: "I then made a so-called escape-manoeuvre and went back up to 3,000 metres, but the UFO with aerial motions that are impossible for our planes and at a speed that is unknown by human technology remained hovering at 3,000 metres."

When the Aerolineas plane began its second descent, the strange craft disappeared at high speed behind Mount Otto. Jorge Allende, flight engineer in this "Space Odyssey" said: "in my 15 years experience I never saw anything like it; I never believed we were the only beings in the Universe, but all the same I'm very excited; nobody is ready to see such a dazzling confirmation."

ON THE GROUND AND IN THE SKY

Jorge Polanco is a man used to making unexpected manoeuvres at very high speeds, and not only because of his work as a pilot of commercial jets, for when he has his feet on the ground he also drives racing cars.

Up until last year he used to participate in road-racing, and his sports license is still valid. As if this were not enough to exercise his passion for risk-taking, he owns a racing car in the United States where he was able to compete in the Stock Cars and Indy Light categories. However, his love for speed is not only confined to mechanics; according to the sports reporters, he is also well known for his mental speed and his innovative ideas. Those in the motoring field who have talked to him also say that he is fascinated by everything related to Space, and that this experience with the UFO may not have taken him by surprise.

TAIL-PIECE BY EDITOR, FSR

Assuredly no British national newspaper has striven more zealoulsy than the Daily Telegraph, over the past 48 years,to pour ridicule on UFO reports and on UFO investigators, so it was curious indeed for us to read the following brief *Agence France-Presse* snippet on page 18 (Foreign News) of the D.T's issue of August 3, 1995.

(One finds oneself beginning to wonder whether someone on the D.T's scientific staff has become unhinged?)

ARGENTINE JET IN "UFO" NEAR MISS

An Aerolineas Argentinas jet narrowly missed a UFO that darted into its path and then flew beside it on Monday night, according to its pilot, Jorge Polanco.

Air Force Major Jorge Oviedo said that he and several other people saw the UFO and that there was a simultaneous power failure throughout the city of San Carlos de Bariloche, forcing the pilot to abort his landing. - AFP.

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LORD HILL-NORTON SPEAKS AGAIN

Just when many folk in Britain were no doubt hoping that the bogus piece of "Roswell" film footage (maybe made in Brazil — "where the nuts come from"?) had put paid to our subject or at least knocked it right out of the news for a while — lo, the pesky UFOs have bounced back again onto the front page, with reports (*Sunday Telegraph and Guardian*, both of September 3) that there is talk again in the European Community about that hoary old scheme [(1)] to set up a "European UFO Observation Station", which would probe such matters as the big "Belgian triangle" of March 31, 1990[(2)] and that, once again, the importance of this famous Belgian case is vouched for by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, GCB, Chief of Britain's Defence Staff in 1971-73 (and a man who, in his time, has occupied pretty well all of Britain's top Defence and Naval posts!)

The *Guardian's* initial report of September 3rd about the Admiral's views on the "Belgian triangle" was couched in entirely civilized language, but later when interviewing the Admiral by telephone, somebody at the *Guardian* got angry because Hill-Norton had complained at his stupid questioning and had "hung up" on him. The result, in the *Guardian* of September 5th, was a fine piece of coarse, guttersnipe abuse, which evidently shows the *Guardian* in a truer light:—

"Lord Hill-Norton needn't worry. No words that I could put into his mouth would be half as embarrassing as the drivel he spews forth himself. Still, he can't be blamed. After a few years in the House of Lords even I might begin to believe that the Martians have landed".

The accompanying gross and vulgar [(3)] cartoon shows two "spacemen", with the obligatory TV aerials atop their helmets, watching Lord Hill-Norton on a TV screen and one of them is saying:-

"Amazing. It appears that they talk out of their backsides."

Truly, this is evidently "*Guardian culture*" in its purest and highest form. How comforting it is for the rest of us to know that the Monarchy and aristocracy and upper classes, who for centuries past ran this country so successfully and made it great, are now superseded and replaced by a new ruling class possessed of true breeding and culture — the Super-Whizboys and Girls of the Media, our new dictators and the arbiters of our lives and our morality, and just about every other darned thing too. *They* will know how to deal with pipsqueaks like Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton who — unlike *them* — as we are all so well aware — has never done a thing for Britain.

Britain's fine heritage is safe in their hands. Monarchy, Parliament, the Courts, all can now be closed down, and we can go back to sleep under the ever-watchful and baneful eyes of these "benevolent" scumbags, our new Rulers, the British Press.

FOOTNOTES

(1) See FSR 39/1, Editorial

(2) See FSR 35/2 and 35/4 on the "Belgian Triangle."

(3) Has anyone noticed that words like *coarse, vulgar, base, low, degenerate, decadent, dissolute,* and many many others, have already vanished from the English language? This is clearly because, in line with the prevailing *"political correctness"* nobody any longer perceives to what depths our civilization has descended.
Another example is of course *"gay"* - a decent word now ruined. And, instead of (a) *marriage*, or (b) its alternative, *fornication*, we now are obliged to talk of *"relationships"!* God have mercy on us ■

From Page 21 ARGENTINE JET

The appearance of such an item in a sober leading British newspaper immediately after some weeks of thunderous success, on the part of the entire British media, in debunking and ballyhooing the Roswell UFO crash of 1947 and in promoting the showing of a fake film (possibly made with U.S., Government backing?) was certainly something very, very peculiar.

On August 7th the AFP office in London issued the following fuller report. The only other account seen by us so far was a similar AFP text, in French, in the French language newspaper *Journal de Lausanne* (Switzerland) or August 3. (Both these reports received through courtesy of Tim Good).

ARGENTINA AGOG OVER UFO

SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE, Aug 1 (AFP) — Argentina was nervously watching the skies on Tuesday a day after an airliner narrowly missed hitting a UFO which darted in its path. Jorge Polanco was piloting an Aerolineas Argentinas jet headed for this southwest winter resort town at around midnight on Monday when he was forced to pull the plane up short to avoid what witnesses described as a "spaceship." "As I was making the final approach, I suddenly saw in front of the plane a white light which was bearing right down on us really fast before it halted about 100 metres (yards) away," he said. He also said that as he frantically manoeuvred his plane, which was carrying 103 passengers, the UFO took a bizarre turn so that it could follow the airliner and flew in tandem with it for about 100 metres.

Air Force Major Jorge Oviedo said that he and several others also witnessed the UFO and that there was a simultaneous power cut throughout the entire city. The pilot said he was forced to pull up when the runway lights went out and that the flying object about the size of a jetliner with two green lights and a flashing orange light, "changed colours," followed him for a little while longer and then took off at "an unnatural speed." Officials were investigating the sighting. (AFP, London, August 7, 1995).

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I felt it so odd that such a story should appear in the hallowed pages of the *Daily Telegraph* (in the opinion of many our very finest newspaper) that I sent the following letter to the paper's Editor. His reply is still awaited.

The Editor
DAILY TELEGRAPH August 3,1995
Sir — For almost half a century assuredly nobody in Britain has done more than the Daily

Telegraph to pour scorn and ridicule on all reports of "UFOs", so why on earth do you give publicity in your issue of today to so ridiculous a matter as a story that the pilot of an Aerolineas Argentinas aircraft had been accompanied by a flying saucer and that there was simultaneously a power failure throughout San Carlos de Bariloche?

If you print this sort of stuff aren't you afraid that you might begin to lose your readers?

Yours faithfully
Gordon Creighton
Editor, Flying Saucer Review ■

FORTY YEARS ON AND FSR KEEPS GOING!

We are sometimes asked why we do not carry reports of local sightings of lights in the sky and much of the trivia that fills other magazines.

The answer is that there is no room. The adverts are few and carefully chosen; there is very little personal chit-chat; no space is wasted with irrelevant padding. There is never any shortage of thought-provoking material for us to publish. We pursue the elusive truth.

But will we ever find it!

Watch this space! EVE

"EPPUR SI ESISTONO!" DR. JOHN MACK VISITS BRITAIN AGAIN

DR. JOHN MACK had expressed the wish to meet the entire FSR team of Directors , so when he was here again recently, this provided an opportunity, on August 28, for FSR to arrange a reception for him, and a grand discussion session, at Claridge's in London. All the Directors were present, with the sole exception of the Earl of Haddington, who most unfortunately was unable to be with us. An old friend of FSR, Linda Moulton Howe, also chanced to be in London again at the time and we therefore had the great pleasure of her company as well.

In discussions, over a period of some five hours and more, we were able to cover a lot of ground, and in particular of course, to hear some details of Dr. Mack's recent "brush with the Gentlemen of Akademe".

Of all the many interesting things that he told us the most interesting was that **what had got the Gentlemen of Harvard really worried was his suggestion that there might be more than one 'reality!'**

Said Dr. Mack: "*That was my heresy*. If I had simply said that here are these cases that I can't explain, and one day a fellow psychiatrist will find a new diagnosis — that would have been fine! But it's when I said that we need to change our notions of *reality* to understand this ... they said that if I hadn't done that, there wouldn't have been an investigation"

LIBEL

On June 3rd this year, Stanton Friedman delivered a lecture on UFOs at the Royal Geographical Society in London. The lecture was not being given at the invitation of the Royal Geographical Society, but it had been happy to hire out its auditorium so that a paying audience could attend the lecture, which had been arranged by an independent promoter.

On the morning of the lecture, The Daily Telegraph published an article by its Science Correspondent, Adrian Berry, which quoted extracts from his telephone interview with the Royal Geographical Society's Director, Dr. John Hemming, in which Dr. John Hemming was reported as saying that UFOs were "non-scientific rubbish" and that Mr. Friedman's lecture could do "serious damage" to the Royal Geographical Society's reputation. More importantly, Dr. Hemming then went on to challenge the intellectual respectability of Mr. Friedman.

Whilst Dr. Hemming and Adrian Berry are clearly entitled to their views about the UFO phenomenon, the law of libel restrains them from attacking the professional integrity and reputation of ufologists in any way that cannot be justified. Stanton Friedman is, of course, a nuclear physicist with an impeccable scientific pedigree, and during his London visit, immediately gave instructions to lawyers to threaten legal proceedings unless the Daily Telegraph firstly published a withdrawal and full apology, and, secondly, undertook not to publish any similar defamatory statements about him in the future.

Within two months the newspapers agreed not to republish the offending words, to expunge the article from all computerised databases and to publish on its home news pages that Dr. Hemming had not "intended to denigrate personally Mr. Friedman whose stature as a scientist he recognised and respects"

A cautionary tale for editors? Libel ufology and aliens with impunity, but not those on Earth who honestly pursue the subject.

JONATHAN CAPLAN

THE EXTRAORDINARY "POLITICAL" ASPECTS OF FÁTIMA

By Gordon Creighton

All the really good material on Fátima - hardly any of it in English - was written long ago, and mostly in Portuguese, Spanish, or Italian. There was one curious feature about the affair, which few writers have dwelt on, and the principal reason for this was of course that the "prophecies" referred to events then said to be still far away in the future.

Let us visualize the situation: certain information is allegedly received by three Portuguese children, the eldest aged ten, and none of them able to read or write. Portugal was one of the poorest and most backward areas of Europe. **And it was the most distant from Russia, And yet a great deal of the important information related precisely to happenings in Russia! Could such children even have ever heard of Russia?**

Read the accounts, and decide for yourselves. You will find the whole thing uncanny.

The first (and more democratic, reasonable) Russian Revolution, led by Kerensky, was on February 26th 1917 under the "Old Russian Calendar" and on March 12th according to the Western calendar which the Russians then began to adopt. The second Russian Revolution, engineered by Lenin and his wilder, less civilized gang, was on October 25th 1917, or, under the "new style calendar", November 7th.

There was thus a gap of precisely seven months between the two revolutions. And the Fátima apparitions, one per month (all except one, on the 13th of the month) occupied precisely six months of this interval!) The sole exception was August, when the "Lady" appeared on the 19th, because on the 13th the children had been in detention, undergoing a nasty grilling by the local trade union leader Arthur Santos, who threatened to boil them alive in oil if they did not confess that they were lying.

The two younger children died just a few years later, in the great 'Flu Epidemic, as "the Lady" had said they would. Lucia, the eldest child became a nun in a Portuguese convent and lived on into ripe old age. In 1942, in the course of further revelations given by her about the events of 1917, Lucia wrote that the Lady had said, on July 13, 1917:-

"When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign that God gives you that the punishment of the world is at hand for its so great sins... To prevent this I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturday of the month. If my demands are listened to, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. Otherwise Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, arousing wars and persecutions of the Church. Many good people will be martyred: the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me; Russia will be converted and there will be some peace."

Well - there it is. Just a little of it. The atheistic Marxist Russian Empire *has* collapsed. One can hardly say that Russia in 1995 is a very saintly or spiritual land, but at any rate her ancient Christian Church is free once more to resume its role, though admittedly not without plenty of "competition" from the Mafia and from the Chechen bandits who seem to have captured the financial field!

As I have indicated, it is a fascinating aspect, this "political" significance of Fátima.

Read about it for yourselves. Because it has an enormous bearing on what is coming TOMORROW.

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In the last few years I have been trying to learn all that I can regarding the latest Marian Apparitions (*still going on!)* since June 1981, at Medjugorje in Yugoslavia. As the lady had predicted, there has not so far been the slightest conflict in Medjugorje, but there has been plenty close by!

On May 2, 1982, her message was:

"I have come for the last time to call the world to conversion. Afterwards I will not appear any more on this Earth".

In all the Catholic religious centres and organisation in London where I have made enquiries about Fátima or Medjugorje I have received the strangest and coolest of "brush-offs". *It seems that they either do not know, or do not want to know? Is this possible?* G.C. Sept. 1995 ■

BOOK REVIEW.

ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

Author, Capt. Gordon Millington, FSR Consultant.

Review by Paul Whitehead, FSR Director and Consultant

Hardback, 145 pages, published by Leonine Press, 1994. ISBN. No. 9523176-0-5.
Price £9.95, plus £1.50 for p & p, extra for overseas mailings.

Gordon Millington is well known for his scholarly writings on the subject of UFOs, aliens et al. He is also well known in Surrey for his regular talks, given either to SIGAP or to the Guildford Metaphysical Society (GMS).

The author is a former Captain in the Army Education Corps, and was a college lecturer for some years. I can highly recommend him for the UFO lecture circuit. Interestingly, the best attended GMS meetings are those with UFOs or crop-circles as the subject. in his book, *Alien Encounters,* Gordon turns his critical eye to both.

In an age when book publishers are perhaps less than discriminating in the quality of material they "bring to market" - and end up promoting books with amazing claims and alleged "staggering facts", which then disappear from public gaze for good - Gordon Millington has produced a work which looks behind the phenomena. The tenet behind the book's sub-title, "An interpretative approach to the UFO phenomenon and crop-circles mysteries", is adhered to throughout, with some interesting possible conclusions.

A considerable proportion of the book deals with well known cases, and as such *"Alien Encounters"* serves as a pocket book history of the subject. With the hindsight which the 1990s bring us, and with either additional details or Millington's interpretations of the strange events, these cases assume a new importance, whether as "actual" (truly apparent) close encounters, or as something even weirder. Readers of Dr. Jacques Vallée's works and of the material published in FSR will intuitively have an understanding of Millington's thinking.

In the chapter *"The Winged Serpent of Ashland",* for example, the writer perhaps enters the "Other World" (my use of the phrase, not Millington's), a sort of reality which is parallel to and occasionally interlocking with ours.

The case involves an American police officer, Schirmer, who was seemingly abducted in 1967, after seeing a UFO at close quarters at 2.30am. He may have been given an "implant" behind his ear, or suffered an insertion of needles or something similar at the same spot - we do not know. We do know, however, that this man was of "strong character"; in addition to being in the police, he was also a former member of the United States Marine Corps.

He suffered severe headaches and dreams "with a landscape of three mountain ranges, strange domes and UFOs," Millington writes. Under hypnosis, he recalled meeting with the aliens from the UFO he had seen... On the right shoulder of one was an insignia representing a winged serpent.

Millington reminds us that the winged serpent, or dragon, is directly associated in myth and folklore with the "ancient astronauts". To writer and anthropologist John Michell, these serpents or dragons were how our ancestors described, or interpreted, flying saucers.

Were the police officer's captors, "by use of the serpent symbol, claiming some link with these ancient astronauts?" Millington asks.

"Biblical references in support of the (ancient astronaut) hypothesis are made to Elijah, Enoch, Ezekiel and Jacob amongst others, and mention is usually made of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah". Stonehenge and Avebury are among ancient sites which could support the theory.

After scanning the decades and the centuries for UFO fact and myth, Millington turns his attention to Zecharia Sitchin, some of whose work has appeared in part in FSR. The author of several books about ancient and not so ancient astronauts, Sitchin has aroused interest and controversy with his theory of the existence of a *"Twelfth Planet"* of our Solar System which periodically returns to the vicinity of Earth and is the home of an alien civilisation *who created us.*

It is theorized that they have a base on Mars and also possibly on Phobos, Mars' mysterious little moon (and allegedly an artificial one).

The majority of American and Soviet missions to Mars have failed, Millington reminds us. In an age when we have already been to the Moon, sent probes through the Solar System, and also to Venus and now to the Sun, Mars has presented a problem. We have the technology to visit the Planets, yet when we try to go to Mars, things don't work out and how they should.

If you want a hint of *why*, you should read this book.

Alien Encounters is a mini-classic in its own right. Well-written (what a relief in these days of meandering badly-planned and semiliterate UFO and corn-circle books) it deserves a place on the bookshelf of every serious student of the subject ■

MORE "UNKNOWNS" REPORTED IN SWEDISH WATERS

Sir — In recent years there have been reports of "unknown submarines" intruding into Swedish and Norwegian coastal waters. On numerous occasions, the Swedish Navy has depth-charged certain areas where sonar responses had been received. They even pointed a finger at *Russia* as being the offender.

However, according to a news bulletin from Radio Sweden on February 17, 1995, the culprits have now been identified as minks swimming past. The news item even included recordings of sonar echoes from a submarine and from mink, these being entirely similar.

An apology has now been made to Russia by Sweden.

Yours sincerely
John L. Clarke
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February 18, 1995

NOTE BY EDITOR. Fine *Cosmic Supermink* indeed! FSR has now been going for 40 years and all through those 40 years we have been hearing this marvellous hogwash, not only from Scandinavia but also from Argentina, where, years ago, for about a week or ten days, the Argentine Navy was depth-charging "something" that they thought they had "bottled up" in Puerto Nuevo Bay. But it got away of course in the end. Mink again, no doubt. (Or maybe, since it was Argentina, could it possibly have been a giant *coypu*? East Anglian newspapers please copy).

HERETIC

Dear Friend — We are planning to publish a new Spanish magazine "on our subject", and Magdalena, my wife, has been appointed to serve as the international co-ordinator on Ufology for the project.

Could we please have a good picture of you, and also have your credentials? (I have tried to find both, in other journals and publications, but, as you know, you are an "auteur maudit", an accursed heretic, and therefore systematically ignored * by the "authorities" in the "UFO world")

Very best wishes to you both,
Yours sincerely
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July 29, 1995

*Yes - and one is obliged to admire the remarkably thorough "hatchet job" that has been done, both here in Britain and throughout the world. As Ann Druffel (USA) wrote to me some time ago, it "looks as though you might be right about something or other, to have merited so much vituperation|". EDITOR

APPRECIATION OF RON PEARSON

Dear Mr. Creighton — I would like to commend you for your excellent magazine, and all the different thoughts and ideas expressed in the articles. I was particularly impressed by Mr. R.D. Pearson's articles, even though I know nothing about physics, as I have read several books by phsyicists written in layman's language. I do hope that we will read more of Mr. Pearson's articles in the future.

Another aspect of your magazine which I would like to comment on is the wonderful English in all its aspects. It makes the magazine such a joy to read.

My best wishes for the future to you, and your wife, for the wonderful magazine you publish.

Yours sincerely
R. Taylor
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April 11, 1995

FROM STAUNCH OLD FRIENDS

Dear Gordon and Eve — Congratulations on the Fortieth Year of FSR! We are proud to be associated with it, even in a small way, and we trust there will be many more years of fascination with, and new information, on "our subject".

With warm regards to both of you,

Jacques and Janine Vallée
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Thank you both! It has indeed been a pleasure and an honour to have you. Your valued association with FSR has been anything but "in a small way" and I recall that I translated your first book into English. G.C.

A WEIRD SIGHTING

Dear FSR — It has taken me several years to be able to come to terms with, and speak openly about, an encounter that I myself, my wife, and three children, had in the summer of 1991 as I was driving in the Bathgate Hills in West Lothian, Scotland.

At approximately 2200 hrs. I was travelling on the road which runs adjacent to an area known as the Knock Forest. As I approached a dangerous bend in the road, my attention was drawn to my right by a sudden burst of movement.

What had caught my eye was a running figure of "humanoid" shape. The figure appeared to be moving at such a speed that I was left with only the image, as if frozen, in my mind's eye. It was approximately 6' tall, and appeared extremely unhappy that we had disturbed it. Its appearance was that of a "bright negative" against the dark background of the forest. It had a human-like face contorted in a snarl which was directed back at us as it sped effortlessly through the trees. The estimated speed of the figure was between 50 and 70 mph.

The encounter lasted for only a few seconds, but has left an indelible image with me that I find difficult to erase.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has had a similar encounter involving great speed and the appearance of "humanoid" negative types.

Yours faithfully
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May 8, 1995

COSMIC TOP SECRET

Dear Mr. Creighton — Re: *Flying Saucer Review* vol.39 no 4, p.16 "A word about the term 'Cosmic Top-Secret'". I want to confirm that such a security classification did in fact exist, and perhaps it still does for all I know.

When I was an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, I was at one time attached to the staff of the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in Halifax, and I held what was referred to as a 'dual appointment' in that I was, in addition, on the staff of NATO at the same time. In order to fulfill my NATO responsibilities, it was necessary for me to have a very high security clearance. The clearance I was given was Cosmic Top Secret.

So there you have it. It did exist. I held this position during the years 1954 and 1955.

Please keep up your excellent work. You are doing a marvellous job.

Yours sincerely
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